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Four winners shared yesterday's daily Times Portfolio prize of £2,000. Mr Peter Morgan of High Wycombe, Bucks, Mr Francis Elston, of Shere, Surrey, Mr Creighton Twiggs of Parkgate, Cheshire, and Miss Fiona MacPherson of London each received £500. Portfolio list, page 18; how to play, information service, back page.

There is £22,000 available to be won on Saturday – £20,000 in the weekly competition plus the *usual daily prize of £2,000.*

Shipyard wins £45m order

British Shipbuilders yesterday won its most valuable merchant ship contract when it got a £45 million order for a computerized 16,500-tonne crane ship for offshore oil fields.

The vessel was ordered by ITM (Offshore), a Middlesbrough-based UK ship owner

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Pound surge may avert rise in home loan rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

A sharply rising pound, a cut in government borrowing and record North Sea oil output provided the Chancellor with an eve-of-Budget boost yesterday.

There is now scope for a one-point reduction in base rates to follow hard on this afternoon's Budget. This would put pressure on the building societies to call off Thursday's threatened mortgage rate increase.

The pound jumped by 2.3 cents against a shaky dollar in London yesterday, to close at $1.1067. Later, in New York, the pound rose another cent to $1.1160.

The dollar was hit by the run on savings banks in Ohio, which has led to the temporary closure of 71 savings and loan institutions. The Ohio crisis continued yesterday, with Mr Richard Celeste, the state governor, announcing that the savings and loan banks, America's equivalent of building societies, will stay closed until Thursday at the earliest.

The dollar dipped by more than five pfennigs against the German mark, falling from an opening level of DM3.3770 in London to DM3.32 in New York trading.

The pound, however, was strong against all currencies. The sterling index rose by a full point to 73.0. The pound gained four pfennigs to DM3.6971 against the mark.

Dealers said that the pound was helped by the escalation of the Iran-Iraq war, which could push up oil prices, and expectations that today's Budget will be good for the pound.

Mr Lawson's Budget speech, expected to take just under 90 minutes, will contain a tough restatement of the Government's commitment to its financial strategy.

News of a reduction in government borrowing last month also helped the pound, and pushed money market interest rates down. The public sector was in a position to repay £225 million in February, compared with City expectations that its borrowing requirement would be between £250 million and £1,000 million.

The Treasury said that the figures were affected by "erratic influences". Revenues were boosted by an extra £250 million in VAT revenues, from *the new system of collecting* VAT on imports, and by a larger-than-expected tax take from North Sea oil.

The figures show that public sector borrowing is not as far out of control as feared. The cumulative PSBR for the first 11 months of the current financial year is £7.6 billion.

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Antarctic return: Lieutenant Commander *Clive Waghorn, the injured Royal Navy* explorer, arriving at RAF Brize Norton from the Falklands yesterday strapped to a stretcher on board a VC10. Accompanying him was Kerry Gill, who stayed by his side as the submarine weapons expert had lain in temperatures of –10C for five days with a *broken leg on an Antartic island before his* rescue last week (Michael Horsnell writes).

Commander Waghorn said: "It's a great relief to get home. But I would be happy to go back there again." (Photograph: John Manning).

BBC 1 dropping Play of Month

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The BBC is dropping its flagship drama series *Play of the Month* from BBC 1 and replacing it with more popular material.

The decision was broken to stunned production staffs yesterday by the Controller of BBC 1, Mr Michael Grade, who, it is understood, has not seen the six plays in the 20-year-old series already made for showing this summer.

Mr Grade has told senior BBC staff that he cannot find room in the BBC 1 schedules for *Play of the Month*, and the six productions, which cost £2m to make, are now without any planned showings.

They include a version of *Antigone*, starring Sir John Gielgud, Omar Sharif, Dorothy Tutin and Edward Fox appear in other productions.

BBC 1 will run occasional single plays in the future, but serious drama will now be confined to BBC 2, ending the corporation's long-standing commitment to produce critically acclaimed classical plays for the popular channel.

Mr Kenneth Ives, who *directed two of the plays*, Strindberg's *The Father* and Sartre's *Vicious Circle*, said last night: "I think it is very sad that such a prestige slot as *Play of the Month* would seem to be about to disappear from BBC 1 in its twentieth year."

The BBC said BBC 1 will show 11 plays on Sunday nights, possibly including some made for *Play of the Month*. It is understood, however, that only one of the six plays is likely to get a main network slot.

Inquiry finds Chelsea guilty

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

A *Football Association* commission of inquiry, investigating the crowd disturbances at Stamford Bridge on March 4, has found Chelsea guilty of failing "to take all reasonable precautions in accordance with the regulations". The club has been reprimanded and ordered to improve certain areas of the ground.

The members' enclosure in the new West Stand is to be closed until slatted seats have been replaced with "approved seating". Mr Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman, has admitted that most of the leading trouble-makers congregate there, in the corner of the stadium that is closest to the visiting supporters.

The backs of the seats in the East Stand are to be "safely secured, to the satisfaction of a consultant engineer". During Chelsea's defeat by Sunderland in the Milk Cup semi-final that night, wooden planks used to support the seats wee ripped off and thrown like javelins at patrolling policemen.

Chelsea have been instracted to improve the perimeter fencing to prevent crowd invasions and to print warning notices in the club programme until the end of the season. Similar warnings are to be broadcast during the half-time interval of each of the first team's home fixtures.

Les Mackay, the commission's chairman, said: "We considered shutting the ground or having the club play some matches behind closed doors, but those ideas were rejected. The cost of the improvements are between £30,000 and £40,000, and there is also a loss of revenue during the time the improvements are carried out."

Despite the Government's recent demand for stronger action to be taken, the sport's governing body has again proved inadequate in dealing effectively with booliganism. Only with the assistance of the new "war-cabinet", to be led by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, will the FA be able to exercise sufficient muscle.

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, who confirmed that the report on hooliganism will be delivered to Downing Street on Thursday, is hoping for an early amendment of the Association's regulations limiting the punishment that can be imposed. The changes may take place at the FA's annual general meeting in May.

Luton Town and Millwall, involved in the FA Cup tie marred by violence last Wednesday, are to face similar charges. On March 28, the FA will conduct an inquiry into the behaviour of Millwall's supporters and into the precautions taken by Luton to prevent a pitch invasion.

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Burgess and Philby files stay secret

The Foreign Office has *applied a super-secret classification* to the 36-year-old files of a Whitehall committee which had been attended by Philby and Burgess, the Soviet spies (Anthony Bevins, Our Political Correspondent writes).

Lord Gladwyn, the Liberal peer who was Permanent Representative to the United Nations and ambassador to France, complained in the Lords yesterday that he had been refused access to the papers of the Russia Committee, a Foreign Office planning group which he had *chaired in 1948–49*.

He had told the Foreign Office that he had wanted to refresh his memory about the recommendations and conclusions of the committee and he had given an assurance that he would never make use of any information drawn from the files without the consent of officials.

Civil Service unions given warning over strike threat

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Government has served warning on the Civil Service unions that they could face legal action if a threatened one day strike on April 1 goes ahead in contraventiton of labour laws.

A letter from a senior Treasury official to the unions yesterday made clear the Government's intention to try to prevent the 24-hour stoppage over pay. A union leader said last night that it was "pretty inevitable" that writs seeking to halt the action would be issued against some unions.

Four of the six Civil Service unions yesterday started consultations with their members on union leaders' calls for industrial action over the Government's 3.9 per cent pay offer. The results of the consultations among three unions should be clear by the end of the week *although the largest union, the* Civil and Public Service Association, is holding a two-week consultation.

The CPSA could be the main target of any legal action because it has refused to comply with the provisions of the Trade Union Act 1984 for holding ballots before calling industrial action and retaining union immunity against civil actions for damages.

The letter to the unions, representing 500,000 white collar staff, from Mr Peter Kemp, deputy secretary at the Treasury with responsibility for pay, reads:

"I thought it right to let you know that granting time under the (facilities) agreement for the purpose of holding ballots should not be regarded as endorsement by management of the union's arrangement for that ballot.

"*It is for the union to ensure* that the arrangements comply with the provision of part two of the (1984) Act, if they wish to preserve the immunity provided by section 13 of the Trade Unions and Labour Relations Act 1974," Mr Kemp wrote.

Union leaders were last night interpreting this as a clear indication of imminent legal action against unions not complying with the 1984 act.

Mr John Sheldon, general secretary of the Civil Service Union, said: "The threat is very clear. They intend to look closely at our method of consultation, which they have been satisfied with in the past, with the aim of intigating legal action."

But other union officials believed the Government's letter might be an attempt to formally establish it position, clearing the way for individual *union members to take the legal* action to stop the action.

Hardline Reagan slates Russians

From Trevor Fishlock, Quebec City

President Reagan talked tough yesterday. He was strongly critical of the Russians, characterized the division of Europe as a scar of shame, praised the struggles against "the dreary failures of Communist oppression", and vigorously defended his "Star Wars" strategic defence ideas.

His wide-ranging speech towards the end of the Canada-US summit in Quebec City also extolled the "new American revolution" as the US changes direction away from "years of creeping socialism and ever-greater dependency that slowed our progress".

In spite of the severity of his criticism of the Russians, Mr Reagan indicated his belief that *the change of leadership* in Moscow could mean a fresh start, a more constructive relationship, with them. He said the Americans are ready to work with the Russians for better relations and would pursue the arms control talks in Geneva with determination, flexibility and patience.

But he said: "As much as we may hope for greater stability through arms control we must remember that the Soviet record of compliance with past agreements has been poor.

"They signed the Yalta accord pledging free elections, then proceeded to dominate Eastern Europe. They signed the Geneva Convention banning use of chemical weapons, Salt 2 limiting development of new weapons, and the ABM treaty, but are now violating all three. They signed the Helsinki Accord solemnly pledging respect for human rights, but then jailed the individuals trying to monitor it in the USSR."

On "Star Wars" the President said: "We are enthusiastic about the research done so far. It puzzles me to hear the Russians describe research to protect humanity as a threat to peace. Their protests ring a little hollow. In 1967 Soviet Premier Mr kosygin said 'the anti-missile system is not a weapon of aggression, it is defensive'. The Russians took his words to heart and began investing heavily in strategic defence.

"Let us acknowledge that humanity will be far better served by moving away from offensive nuclear systems that kill people to non-nuclear systems that protect."

Continuing the attack, Mr Reagan said Americans and Canadians had given $100 million to help feed Ethiopians, while the Russians had given almost nothing and were providing arms for the Ethiopian Government to use against its own people.

"These are painful realities, but history may remember them as the birth pangs of a brighter era. Brave people are challenging the Brezhnev doctrine that insists that once a country is taken from the family of free nations it may never return.

"Freedom movements are rising up, from Afghistan to Cambodia, Ethiopia and Nicaragua. More than twice as many people are fighting the Nicaraguan communist regime as fought against Somoza. The world is struggling to shift away from the dreary failures of Communist oppression."

Asked later about the prospect of a sumit meeting between Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachev, a senior administration spokesman said that "the ball is in their court."

Asked about the toughness of Mr Reagan's language, he said:

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Iraq seeks UN cease-fire

Mubarak, Husain fly to Baghdad

Bahrain (Reuter, AP) – President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and King Husain of Jordan flew unexpectedly to Baghdad yesterday as the Gulf war reached a new intensity. Iran said the Iraqi capital was unsafe.

At the United Nations meanwhile, Iraq's Foreign Minister called for a UN observer force to verify a ceasefire and withdrawal of troops to recognized borders.

In a letter to the Security Council, he asked for the "organization of negotiations between the two parties, under the auspices of the Secretary-General or the Security Council, with a view to reaching a comprehensive and just settlement."

President Mubarak and King Husain will have urgent talks with Iraqi officials on ending the 53-month war, which has flared into bitter ground battles and attacks on both capitals, diplomatic sources say.

After they arrived the Iranian news agency Irna said Bagdad "is completely unsafe and could be attacked at any moment."

The city earlier suffered its *third explosion in a week.* The blast hit the nearly-completed foreign ministry, causing panic among street marchers celebrating a reported victory over Iranian forces in the marshes of southern Iraq.

Iran said the building was hit by a missile and pledged to turn Bagdad into a ruin if Iraq continued to hit Iranian towns. Iraq has blamed recent explosions on saboteurs.

Iran indicated it had halted a week-old offensive in southern Iraq's Al Hawizah marshes, and said it had shot down four Iraqi warplanes during the day, one of them over Tehran.

Iran said earlier it had raided several cities and towns, including Tehran, and that all planes returned safely.

In Tehran, a military communique said Iran had killed or wounded 12,000 Iraqi troops and taken 3,000 prisoners since the start of the latest offensive two weeks ago. Heavy blows had been dealt Iraqi troops on both sides of the Tigris river.

In Baghdad meanwhile, a military announcement said Iraqi forces had won "the greatest battle in the history of the Iraq-Iran war."

The Defence Minister, Adnan Kheirullah, commander of Iraq's marshland counter-offensive, told President Saddam Hussein the battlefield was littered with "thousands of (Iranian) corpses left as carrion for the vultures."

The visit by President Mubarak *and King Husain*, both staunch supporters of Iraq, came amid fresh international calls to end the conflict.

The official Riyadh Radio, in a statement coinciding with a meeting of foreign ministers from six Gulf states, called for an immediate end to the fighting.

The EEC and Indian Prime Minister Mr Rajiv Gandhi, chairman of the non-aligned movement, have urged an end to attacks on civilians.

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Ministry's £95,000 new man in qualification mix-up

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister said last night that the Ministry of Defence's new £95,000 a year chief of Defence Procurement had been exceptionally exempted from the requirement to obtain an official Civil Service certificate of qualification for the job.

Mr Peter Levene, aged 43, takes up his new post today and Mrs Thatcher said in a delayed written Commons reply that his original appointment had been based on the "mistaken" belief that a certificate would not be required under the terms of the Civil Service Order in Council of 1982.

It had been thought that the Civil Service Commissioners did not need to be asked "to consider the issue of qualification" because Mr Levene was being seconded to Whitehall from United Scientific Holdings plc.

But Mrs Thatcher said: "On the basis of the public faith so pledged, both the Ministry of Defence and Mr Levene have entered into arrangements to enable the appointment to be put into effect, which it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to undo."



Mr Levene: Takes up new post today.

The Civil Service commissioners had therefore been asked, and had agreed, "in these wholly exceptional circumstances" to accept the appointment without a certificate *under the provisons of an* exemption clause in the 1982 Order.

When Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, announced the appointment in a written Commons reply on December 19 he *said that Mr Levene would* "sever all connection with his present company, and at the end of his appointment he has agreed to be subject to the same rules governing the acceptance of outside appointments as apply to civil servants."

Mr Heseltine did not suggest that Mr Levene was being seconded by his company.

Mrs Thatcher said last *night: "Mr Levene will now be* appointed under a fixed term contract not exceeding five years and not by secondment from an outside organization."

In his Commons reply last December, Mr Heseltine said that the appointment of Mr *Levene, who acted as his* personal adviser for six months last year, was part of an effort "being made to secure greater value for money from my department's equipment budget, which in 1984-85 amounts to some £8 billion."

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Government accused of blocking law reform by holding secret talks

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government was accused yesterday of thwarting *important* law reform proposals through its insistence on consulting in secrecy and "behind closed doors".

Dr Peter North, a former law commissioner and now principal of Jesus College, Oxford, said that once Law Commission reports reach the Government, a "blanket of secrecy descends" *which could not be justified in* the field of law reform.

That failure to "expose *decision-making to the public* gaze" led to a suspicion of "deals made behind closed doors" with lobbyists, he said.

Dr North, who was giving the Philip James lecture at Leeds University, said that one important report which had "bitten the dust" as a result of secret consultation was that by the Law Commission *in 1980* on the law of insurance relating to non-disclosure and breach of *warranty*.

The proposals, which strengthened the rights of the insured, were welcomed by the consumer lobby but resisted in parts of the insurance industry.

The Government had made clear its intention to legislate in this session of Parliament. Dr North said. But late last year the Commons was told it was embarking on discussions with the insurance industry to see if legislation was needed to tackle the difficulties with the law as it stood.

"This really is a disgraceful way to proceed and a clear waste of public money", Dr North said. The Law Commission had had extensive *comments from the industry on* its working paper. The final report was accepted by the Department of Trade and Industry this week, which was followed by a long period of further consultation and another consultation document. Then, after a commitment to legislate, there was to be further discussion.

"The suspicious observer might conclude that the *insurance industry lobby has* been active behind closed doors and has in fact won". He added that it was inconceivable that there was anything in such an area of law that could not be debated or decided in public.

Dr North cited other examples of substantial reports being rejected. One was the Law Commission's proposals on family property, which recommended that spouses should own the matrimonial home jointly. "The present administration would appear to have no intention of implementing this proposal", he said.

Other instances could be found in criminal law "where most recommendations have *not been implemented*, and where they had, the reason depends "as much on short-term political concerns as on a measured judgement of the merits of the proposal and its priority as against other unimplemented reports".

A second difficulty was when government departments failed to examine law reform proposals. Speedy consideration usually came from the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Department of Trade and Industry, he said. But that was *not the case with the Home* Office or the Department of the Environment.

Calling for a review of the machinery of law-making and the "arcane and antiquated procedures" by which law reform measures reached the statute book, Dr North called for freedom of information legislation to provide a "real impetus" to law reform.





Kenneth Pegg and his former fiancée, Ruth Thompson.

JP accused of killing girl's lover

A magistrate, Kenneth Pegg, stabbed his former fiancée's lover to death with a surgical knife after becoming suspicious about their secret affair, a court was told yesterday.

He stabbed the man six times before loading him into the back of his Jeep, the prosecution told the jury at St Albans Crown Court.

But within half an hour of the alleged attack in a multi-storey car park in Hemel Hemstead, Hertfordshire he *was stopped by the police.*

Pegg, aged 36, of Cow Roast, Tring, pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Peter Goddard on August 9 last year.

Mr Alan Suckling, QC, for *the prosecution*, said Mr Goddard, aged 26 was a friend of the defendant's former fiancée, Miss Ruth Thompson, aged 21. They had met several years before.

In 1982 she was working in a newspaper show and one of the customers was Pegg, who was also a Territorial Army officer. He invited her out.

The couple became engaged and at his request she stopped seeing Mr Goddard. But the engagement was not successful, Mr Suckling said.



Peter Goddard: "stabbed six times".

It was broken off once or twice before finally ending in October 1983. Mr Suckling said: "She then started seeing Peter Goddard again and they slept together."

In spring 1984 Pegg told her he regretted breaking off the engagement. "She agreed to renew it, but she kept this from Goddard. The situation developed where she was having sexual intercourse with both men."

Two days before the killing, Pegg learned that Miss Thompson had visited Mr Goddard's home at Albion Hill, Hemel Hempstead. That evening the two men, both "calm and controlled", discussed the *situation. Next day Miss Thompson* returned gifts to Pegg.

On August 9 Pegg parked his Suzuki Jeep near Mr Goddard's home and waited for *him to return from work.*

Mr Suckling "The Crown case is that the defendant then attacked *Goddard with the* amputation knife, stabbed him at least six times until he was as *good as dead and then coolly* loaded his body into the Suzuki and drove off with it."

He said people in a nearby doctor's surgery heard "loud and distressful" screaming.

Molyneaux attack on Catholic hierarchy

By Richard Ford
Belfast

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionist Party, yesterday accused the hierarchy *of the Roman Catholic Church* of launching an offensive to expel one million "loyalists" from Ireland.

Mr Molyneaux signalled a retreat from the party's more recent moderate stand and the beginning of a campaign for the Province's local government elections with one of his strongest criticisms of the Roman Catholic Church and the Social Democratic and *Labour Party*.

His criticism came less than 24 hours after Mr Cecil Maxwell, the Official Unionist Party chairman of Down District Council, announced that he was to leave politics after 18 years, after a dispute about his attendance at an ecumenical church service to mark St Patrick's Day, in which Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich, Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, *participated with the* three other church leaders of Ireland.

Mr Maxwell claimed he had been under pressure from Official Unionist Party headquarters in Belfast and local people to boycott the St Patrick's Day service at Down Cathedral. But Mr Maxwell attended the service, at which the four church leaders were greeted with spontaneous applause as they went to lay a wreath on the reputed grave of St Patrick and he said it had been *his duty as chairman of* the council to attend the service and welcome the cardinal, in spite of the Roman Catholic leader's recent remarks calling for the withdrawal of the British Army from Northern Ireland.

He said he could not show a lack of impartiality by being absent from the historic service, adding: "I felt within myself that I could not turn my back on God's house and the sanctuary therein, irrespective of class, creed or colour.

"I would not agree with some of the things the cardinal says but we are all entitled to our own views

Picket over technology deal closes union office

Leaders of the National Graphical Association (NGA) met Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the *TUC, last night* to protest over a new technology deal signed by the *National Union of* Journalists (NUJ).

Mr Tony Dubbins, leader of the NGA, made an official complaint against the journalists' union for signing a "direct-input" agreement at the *Express and Star* at Wolverhampton, which bypasses work normally done by association members.

Mr Tony Dubbins has issued a statement calling for the expulsion of the NUJ from the *TUC* and yesterday members of the association mounted a picket line outside the journalists' headquarters in central London.

Members of the white-collar union, Apex, employed in the NUJ's administration department walked out and preparation for the journalists' annual delegate meeting next week was delayed.

Management at the *Express and Star* said that they would start to introduce direct input from the feature departments at the end of the week after the official ratification of the deal from the NUJ's national executive.

Militant check in Woolwich

Woolwich constituency Labour party has selected Mr John Walker, leader of the Greenwich Council, as its candidate for the next election – rejecting Mr Eddie Mc Farland, a supporter of the Trotskyist Militant tendency, in one of the strongest London bases.

At a meeting of the party management committee on Sunday, Mr Walker won the Woolwich nomination in a straight contest with Mr Peter Willsman, a prominent left-winger who is a member of Labour's powerful national conference *arrangements* committee.

Republic protest over ex-Nazi

A campaign has been launched by the Irish Republic's 2,000-member Jewish community to keep out Pieter Menten, the Dutch Nazi war criminal, who is due to be released on Friday from prison in Holland, and is expected to attempt to return to his house in co Waterford.

Menten, aged 85, is a former SS officer and was jailed for 15 years in 1977 for collaborating with the Nazis in the massacre of Polish Jews.

£620 cost of blocking path

Mr Nicholas Mills, a farmer of Burford, Oxfordshire, who pleaded guilty to obstructing a footpath by planting oilseed rape across it, was fined £120 with £500 costs by Witney magistrates' yesterday.

The case was brought by Mr Christopher Hall, former director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, with the support of the Ramblers' Association.

Prison after sniffing death

David Sydal David, aged 53, of Knox Street, Port Talbot, was jailed for a total of seven years at Carmarthen Crown Court yesterday for manslaughter and sex offences.

David had denied the manslaughter of Christopher Larkman, aged 15, who collapsed and died after inhaling spray David supplied. David admitted a number of sex offences.

'Majority back' smokers' rights

Non-smokers are "strongly tolerant" of the minority of *people in England and Wales* who smoke, a lobbying group for the tobacco industry said yesterday.

The Freedom Organization for the Right To Enjoy Smoking Tobacco (Forest) cited a Harris poll and said the majority, including non-smokers, strongly defend the right of people to smoke if they wish.

£10,000 bail in robbery case

John Atkinson, aged 20, of Edmonton shot by police in an alleged hold-up in Islington, London, was remanded on £10,000 bail until April 9 at Clerkenwell Court yesterday accused of conspiracy to rob *security guards*.

He was wounded in the chest when police ambushed men at a Bejam centre. Two others were remanded in custody for a week.

Labour choice

Mr Henry McLeish, aged 36, a member of Fife Regional Council and a former professional footballer, has been selected as prospective Labour *candidate for Fife Central*, the constituency of Mr Willie Hamilton, MP, who is to retire.

Rebels defy NUM vote on 50p levy

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Nottinghamshire miners' leaders yesterday took *a further* step to distance the area from the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers when they voted not to co-operate with a ballot to raise money for dismissed miners.

The national ballot, to authorize a 50p a week levy of al 186,000 NUM members, is due to start tomorrow but will be boycotted by Nottinghamshire, which is likely to be joined by *the Leicestershire and south* Derbyshire areas.

The decision to call a ballot *was taken by the national* executive and will almost certainly be used by the leadership as further evidence of the Nottinghamshire area's intent to set up a breakaway union with the two other dissident areas. Disciplinary action against the moderate Midlands areas could be taken at the union's annual conference in July.

NUM leaders have launched the ballot to provide finance for the 650 miners who remain dismissed for alleged offences during the strike. A meeting of the national executive will decide next week whether to recommend action against Nottinghamshire.

It had been thought that the executive meeting would be brought forward to this week, but last night that appeared *unlikely. Next week's meeting* will hear calls from Nottinghamshire and other areas for a *re-opening of formal* negotiations with the National Coal Board on pay and working conditions and discuss the possibility of early cuts in the industry's workforce as the coal board implements its plans to reduce uneconomic capacity.

● More than 700 miners *walked out of the Betws colliery* near Ammanford yesterday when management told them that because of delays to maintenance caused by the overtime ban there was only work for about 50 of them on the morning shift.

Local union leaders had decided to suspend the ban in order to get a cable belt mended, but their advice was overturned by a ballot of the men.

● The NUM in South Wales has lodged *an appeal against* the dismissal of five men from the smokeless fuel plant at Aberewmboi for the alledged intimidation of Mr Paul Watson who worked during the strike.

● At Markham pit, near Chesterfield, more than 1,000 *men, – half the workforce, –* walked out over the introduction of a new maintenance shift. The coal board said it would not negotiate until the men returned.

● The National Coal Board *in* Scotland announced yesterday that transport contracts for carrying miners to work in west Fife are to be put out to tender.

£45m crane ship order for north

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The largest-value merchant ship contract to be awarded to a state-owned British Shipbuilders was announced yesterday. *It is a £45 million* computerized 16,500-tonne crane ship for use in the North *Sea and other off-shore oil* fields.

Appropriately, the vessel has *been ordered by a British* shipowner, ITM (Offshore) of Middlesbrough, and will be built by Sunderland Shipbuilders, the north-east yard which employs 1,200 and which last year recorded a loss of £12.7 million.

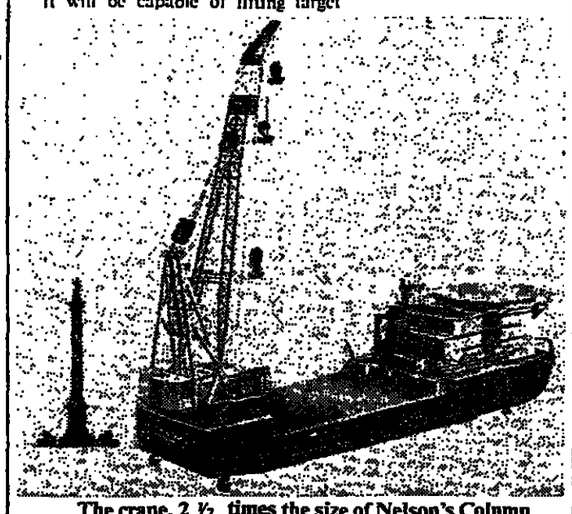
The new ship, due for *delivery next summer*, will be the largest mono-hulled crane vessel in the world and at its full height above the waterline the 436ft crane will be two and a half times higher than Nelson's Column.

It will be capable of lifting structures weighing 4,000 tonnes.

The order comes after last month's decision by P & O to *place a £40 million* order with Govan Shipbuilders on the Clyde for a 31,000-tonne pass*enger and vehicle ferry for* North Sea routes and brings the number of merchant ship orders for British Shipbuilders since January to 13, worth £165 million.

Mr Eric Walsh, managing director of Sunderland Shipbuilders, said yesterday that the new ship, to be named the ITM Challenger, was "a triumph for north-east shipbuilding and concept design".

Mr Graham Day, the British Shipbuilders' chairman, said that the corporation had won 22 *merchant ship* orders worth about £250 million in the current financial year but he *declined to disclose the 1985-86* target



The crane, 2 ½ times the size of Nelson's Column

NHS agrees scheme to train Saudi doctors

By Nicholas Timmins

The National Health Service is to train up to 20 Saudi Arabian doctors a year in a scheme which could provide the first steps towards controlling immigration of overseas doctors to Britain.

Under the proposal, which has tacit government backing, Saudi Arabia will pay all the fees and salaries for their doctors to receive higher training *in Britain* for a period of up to four years. At the end of that time they would return home.

The NHS would, in effect, get their services during training free and the doctors would *receive* clinical experience in some of the better NHS training posts.

the scheme is being launched as the Department of Health has been holding talks with the *Home Office* on the introduction of some form of work or training permit for overseas doctors to ensure *that they* return home after training.

MPs told of 'resentment' over race laws

Britain's immigration controls are building up "enormous resentment" among permanently settled people, MPs were *told yesterday*.

Mrs Sheila Stevens, senior counsellor of the Home Office-*funded United Kingdom Immi*gration Advisory Service (UKIAS) said that in 13 years of working at Heathrow Airport she had never seen an American, Australian or Canadian stopped for questioning if they were vague about their stay.

But people settled in Britain for more than 20 years were subjected to intense personal inquiries when their relatives tried to visit them from the Indian sub-continent.

"People who have become UK citizens and see themselves as citizens of this country have their background gone into

Mrs Stevens was one of five UKIAS officials giving evidence at the start of an inquiry into the immigration service by the *Race Relations and Immi*gration Sub-Committee.

Joseph firm on teachers' pay offer

By Our Education Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told teachers yesterday that no extra money would be given to local authorities for a higher pay offer, if the unions opted for arbitration.

His letter to the National Union of Teachers was in reply to a letter it had sent to the Prime Minister.

Mr Doug McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the NUT, *said the reply vindicated* the attitude of the union in refusing to agree to arbitration. "It would be foolish for teachers to submit their claim to arbitration again in the knowledge that the employers would argue inability to pay".

Today the NUT steps up its campaign of rolling three-day strikes. It expects the education of 325,000 pupils to be disrupted as 7,000 teachers in 434 schools go on strike, in 47 local education authorities.

Yesterday the union was preparing to sue a third local authority, Doncaster, for docking teachers' pay. The authority has been given until noon tomorrow to restore deductions from teachers refusing to cover for absent colleagues.

Doncaster has not decided whether it will contest the court *action.* **Leading article, page 15**

Unions in conflict

Challenge to NUT dominance

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The dominant position of the National Union of Teachers within the Burnham Committee, which negotiates pay, is being challenged by other teaching unions.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is being pressed to review the unions' membership claims, *which determine their* representation on the committee.

The issue is important *because the NUT, the largest* teachers' union has the biggest representation on the teachers' side of the committee. With the help of the college lecturers' union, it has a majority and can defeat all other unions.

If it disagrees with any or all of the other teacher unions, as has been the case about tactics in the pay dispute, it can ignore them, and insist on its own viewpoint. The convention of Burnham is that the other unions do not even have speaking rights when they are meeting in full session with local authority employers.

The other unions resent this, and feel they should be allowed to speak. Some are questioning the membership statistics which enable the NUT to wield such power.

The figures are based on membership calculated at December 31, 1979, when the last review was held and the Professional Association of Teachers was given a seat on the committee.

Both PAT and the Assistant Mistresses and Masters Association (AMMA) are claiming substantial increases in membership and have asked Sir Keith to review the figures. PAT, the smallest union, has a no-strike policy. It claims membership rose by 27 per cent last year, and since the strikes began, has been gaining more than 500 recruits a week.

Mr Peter Smith, deputy general secretary of AMMA, says: "For a long time the statistics have shown that there are more members of teachers' unions than there are teachers. I am quite convinced that the *NUT has lost a substantial* number of members in the past five years."

PAT complained to Sir Keith that the NUT membership registered with the Trades *Union Congress is 210,000*, whereas the figure it gives publicly is 235,000.

An NUT spokeswoman says the difference is explained by the inclusion of retired members in the higher figure.

The National Union of Teachers was accused in the High Court yesterday of *unlawfully excluding the Pro*fessional Association of Teachers (PAT) from salary and *other working parties on the* Burnham Committee.

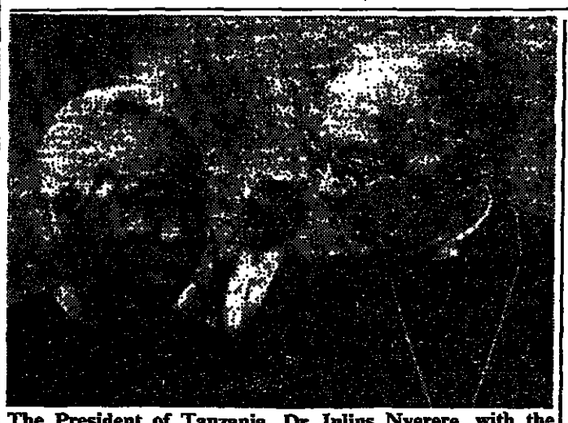
Mr Dennis Henry, QC, for PAT, told Mr Justice Mac-Pherson that the NUT was wrongly treating the committee "as its private fief rather than a *public law institution set up by* Parliament".

The union, which has one representative on Burnham compared with the NUT's 16, is seeking a declaration that *Mr Peter Dawson, its general* secretary, is entitled to be appointed to any sub-committee or working party of the organization.

The hearing continues today.

BURNHAM COMMITTEE

	Union Membership	No of members on Burnham
National Union of Teachers	235,000	16
National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers	127,000	7
Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association	95,000	4
Professional Association of Teachers	30,847	1
National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education	76,000	1
National Association of Head Teachers	20,000	2
Secondary Heads Association	4,500	1



The President of Tanzania, Dr Julius Nyerere, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie at Lambeth Palace yesterday.

Scientist aimed to hold back atom test facts

Lord Penney, Britain's leading *scientist at the 1950s atom* bomb tests in Australia, found a way to prevent Australian scientists from finding out useful facts about the blasts, it was disclosed yesterday.

He had expected that the Australians would want to examine radioactive samples collected after the five explosions and proposed to keep them happy without giving away too much, the Royal *Australian Commission, which* is inquiring into the tests, was told in London.

"*While I am not very keen* to give them samples, I don't see how we can refuse," he wrote to the head of the Ministry of Defence in 1955. His suggestion was to provide the Australians with samples if requested but to wait a few days so that some of the short-lived key isotopes had decayed.

Lord Penney's letter was produced by Mr Peter McLellan, a barrister assisting the commission.

Lord Penney told Mr McLellan that he had been reluctant to provide specimens because it would have meant discussing weapons.

Road inquiry

A £27 million scheme to upgrade the southern end of the London to Brighton road to relieve congestion will be *examined at a public inquiry* opening at Hickstead today.

Tories split on political levy ballot

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Top Conservative trade unionists are divided over whether to campaign for a "no" vote in the political levy ballots due to start next month.

Some argue that the Conservative Trade Unionists (CTU) should urge members to oppose the payments while *others say the CTU should urge* union members to take part in the vote as a democratic duty. They believe that if the Labour Party's main source of funds is cut off, the spotlight would then shift uncomfortably on company donations to Tory funds.

Under the 1984 Trade Union Act the 47 unions with political funds have 13 months from March 1 to hold ballots. The Labour Party receives £5 million from unions.

The first to ballot will be the *print union Sogat '82 next* month. The white collar union Apex will vote in May/June, the general and municipal workers in June, and the electricians and communication workers in July, the transport and general workers in August/September, the engineers in September, the National Union of Railwaymen *in October/November and the* National Graphical Association and possibly the National *Union of Public Employees in* November.

Nonsense to ban football clubs, police chief says

By Peter Davenport

Calls to ban matches and close down offending football clubs were dismissed as nonsense yesterday by Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of *Greater Manchester*.

"If we reach the stage in this country where people can't go to football matches or clubs can't survive because of threats of violent outbursts, then, as far as I am concerned, we have reached the end of the road," he said.

Mr Anderton is chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' standing committee on football hooliganism, which has just completed a 10-page report into the difficulty in response to a *Department* of the Environment initiative last year.

It has been among documents to be discussed by the Prime Minister when she meets Football Association officials shortly on the crowd situations highlighted by disorder at the Luton-Millwall game last week.

The measures proposed by the committee include the installation of closed-circuit television to provide faster and accurate identification of troublemakers, a ban on alcohol in grounds and on buses and trains carrying supporters to matches, searching everyone entering a ground, better crowd control and segregation facilities, and a more sophisticated intelligence system to allow the police to make better plans to handle potential trouple games.

The report also calls for courts to impose maximum possible sentences and for the provision of more attendance centres where troublemakers can spend their Saturday afternoons.

Mr Anderton also dismissed as impractical suggestions of identity cards for fans.

He said that in the 40 weeks of football each year there were 2,200 league and cup matches, and the number of outbreaks similar to that at Luton were very few.

"What people have to remember is that no matter *how well organized and* efficient the police, it is very difficult to prevent and contain sudden, serious eruptions of criminal violence and serious public disorder at football matches."

● Police at York yesterday put on show the tools of football violence confiscated by officers armed *with metal* detectors at the Bootham Crescent ground on Sunday.

Dozens of deadly weapons were also discarded around the gates. The potentially lethal haul included flick knives, razor blades, Stanley knives, a metal scribing spike, and *chains*.

Before the match between York City and Bradford City, police with metal detectors were stationed at every turnstile. Chief Insp Brian Ellis, of York police, said yesterday: "We feel we were at least successful in preventing these weapons getting on to the terraces".

While police were showing off the arsenal, magistrates in York were hearing cases against Bradford supporters arrested on public order offences. Seven men were fined a total of £1,700 for offences at the ground, two others bound over to keep the peace, and another released on bail for two weeks with the condition that he does *not attend any football matches* in Britain.

The Times overseas selling prices
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Organized poaching gangs seeking big catches threaten salmon rivers

By Nicholas Rothwell

Britain's salmon rivers are the target of a new wave of organized poaching by skilled gangs, regional water authorities claimed yesterday after a court case which uncovered the methods of today's poachers.

At Bolton Crown Court, Greater Manchester, three men were jailed for 12 months each for what Judge Ralph Wood described as "a great slaughter of fish".

The Welsh Water Authority welcomed the sentences, and said the men were the first to be apprehended red-handed after a number of poisonings in Welsh salmon rivers.

The men Eric Rogers, aged 28, a coal merchant, Edward Lowe, aged 30, a labourer, and Peter Phillips, aged 30, a nightclub doorman, all of Manchester, were found guilty of putting one pound of cyanide in the River Dovey near Dolgellau in mid-Wales, and killing 276 sea trout and 1,500 *other large fish. Cyanide kills by* suffocation, removing oxygen from the water but leaving the fish still edible.

The case illustrated the sophistication of a new breed of criminal involved in poaching. The men were arrested last August near the river at Machynlleth, Gwynedd, in a night raid by water bailiffs who had been watching the river since June.

The poisoning will cost "thousands of pounds" to make good through restocking, water authority officials said.

Mr David Bathers, a solicitor for the water authority, said the sentences were a valuable deterrent to other commercial poachers. He confimed that there have been several other cases of river poisoning in Wales in recent years, but the three men were the first to be caught.

The poaching gangs have considerable resources of manpower and equipment, according to Mr Vaughn Johnson, an official of the water authority. They are believed to change their cars or vans often during the raids to escape detection, and short-distance radios are used. Poachers also follow the movements of bailiffs "so they can hit the right spot at the right time.

"The new methods include high quality nets and use of cyanide poisons, and the disturbing thing is this kills everything in a given stretch of river so the poachers are possibly killing the next generation of fish as well," he said.

To the alarm of the Welsh Water Authority, the men sentenced yesterday were found to be carrying a national atlas with the locations of rich fishing rivers circled in ink. Mr Johnson said this suggested the poachers had a form of intelligence back up for their operations.

The Wessex Water Authority too has encountered organized poaching.

Although poisons have not been found in the rivers, last year a gang of divers was snatching salmon from the river Frome. Significantly, they were not from the area. Now bailiffs patrol the south coast from *Christchurch harbour to Lyme* Regis.

"This situation is very serious", Mr Johnson said. – "There is a definite switch away from the local poacher out to supplement his larder towards gangs coming in from across the border, really amounting to organized crime."

There are fears that low fines imposed on offenders might not deter poachers, as the potential gain from taking fish is considerable. In Wales, the catch from a well-planned raid can be worth as much as £8,000, and a standard fine is in the range of £50 to £200, with magistrates often inclined to have sympathy for offenders *who are out of work.*

Bailiffs fight back

Water bailiffs in Wales have begun to use military-style nightsights in their war against the growing menace of organized poaching.

The image intensifiers, similar to the type used by the Army on night patrol in Northern Ireland, are helping the Welsh Water Authority's 69 full-time bailiffs to identify offenders and arrest poachers while they still have their nets or fish in their hands.

Mr John Elfed Jones, chairman of the water authority, said this week: "Poachers today are callous and strictly commercial. Most would happily wipe out every fish in miles of river with poison just to fill a van for restaurants on the other side of Britain."

The Welsh Water Authority says that fish stocks are now becoming endangered.

Inquiry to examine smear test secrecy

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The Department of Health has launched an investigation into the efficiency of screening systems for cervical cancer after studying the case of a woman who was not told the result of her test until too late *and died last year.*

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, announced yesterday an inquiry was being held into the screening of the woman, aged 33, the mother of a young daughter, and two other women, both seriously ill, who were also not told of the positive results of cervical smear tests.

Dr Donald Acheson, the department's chief medical officer, is to investigate the screening system in Oxfordshire, where all three women were tested.

Under the system in the county, women who had tests were told that if they heard nothing further they could assume all was well.

***Mr Clarke said: "It would be* a mistake to start a great purge following this tragedy, but the follow-up system needs to be tightened. We have told health authorities to set up local systems and quite a number are lagging behind. We are going to chase them up.**

The screening system nationally was described as "a shambles" at the weekend by Mr Frank Dobson, the shadow Health Minister, who is calling for a computerized system to ensure that where tests prove positive, action will always be taken.

Mr Clarke was making a statement in the House of Commons in response to an emergency question tabled by Mr Dobson.

Dr Acheson said the Department of Health inquiry in Oxfordshire would not be a "witchhunt" and appealed to women not to overburden doctors with inquiries about their health.

However, Dr Ann McPherson, a leading critic of the county's screening system, said: "Women should be informed whether their test was positive or negative. If they don't hear from their doctor within six weeks, they should get in contact with him.



Copybook pose: Sally Gilbert (left) and Jane Stanford, both of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, inspired by the discus thrower in the British Museum exhibition of Greek and Roman sculpture, which the Prince and Princess of Wales will open on April 3. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Rail drivers lose 'deaths on line' case

Four train drivers who suffered depression and shock after suicides or fatal accidents on the line were not entitled to money from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, the High Court held yesterday.

Their mental injuries were not attributable to "crimes of violen ce," three judges decided in an important test case.

Lord Justice Watkins said it was "highly unsatisfactory" that there was no definition, or even a reasoned explanation, of what constituted a crime of violence for the purposes of the criiminal injuries compensation scheme.

The court hoped that those who draft legislation would consider "at least a broad and comprehensible statement of the policy to be followed in compensating such victims."

In 1981 more than 420 people were killed on railway lines and a number were injured. Many drivers, although blame..less, became mentally ill and depressed.

The court upheld the board's interpretation of the wording of the scheme and dismissed appeals by the drivers against the refusal of compensation.

The drivers were: Mr Cyril Webb, of Poplar Drive, Alsager, Stoke on Trent, who was shocked and depressed after a man jumped in front of his train near Wolverhampton, in July 1979.

Mr Sidney Warner, of Edenfield Gardens, Worcester Park, Surrey, suffered depression and anxiety after a woman psychiatric patient threw herself under his London tube train at Fulham Broadway in January 1981. Three months later a football supporter jumped on the line in front of Mr Warner's train. Mr Warner avoided the youth, but was shocked and *further depressed.*

Mr Albert Wilks, of Hunter Street, Buton Ferry, Neath, Glamorgan, had no chance of avoiding a woman suicide who walked in front of his train at Bridgend in Decenber 1975. He suffered chronic anxiety and depression.

Mr Harry Clack, of Saxon Crescent, Horsham, Sussex, suffered a whiplash injury and shock when his train killed a man aged 84 on the line near Horsham in June 1979.

The men's claims are expected to go to the Court of Appeal.

Job chance from judge is rejected

An unemployed man yesterday rejected a job offer from a judge at the Central Criminal Court because it would have meant getting up too early.

Everton Samuels, aged 23 an electronics technician, said the two-and-a-half hour journey would be too long.

Samuels, of Redcliffe Walk, Chalkhill Estate, Wembley, out of work for two years, was given the opportunity by Judge Michael Argyle, QC.

He pleaded guilty to possessing cannabis and was bound over for having a flick knife as an offensive weapon.

Judge Argyle got in touch with a firm in Middlesex, where Samuels had previously tried to get work.

When Judge Argyle offered to defer sentence for three months so that Samuels could try to get the job, his counsel, Mr James Richardson, said the position was "unrealistic" because of the journey.

Judge Argyle adjourned sentence for seven days and threatened to send Samuels to jail if he did not find work.

Afterwards Samuels a father of two said: "If the council moved me to a flat near the site or the judge bought me a car, then I would take the job tomorrow."

Law chief acts against solicitors

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sir John Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, meted out tough treatment to three firms of solicitors yesterday after they had failed to have their appeal cases ready on time.

With two other judges, Sir John referred the names of the *firms to the solicitors'* professional body, the Law Society, after mention in court of cases in which none of the firms had provided the paper work sought from them, nor any explanation for their lack of action.

The solicitors will face disciplinary proceedings by the Law Society. They will be asked for an explanation and if they fail to provide one, will be referred to the professional purposes committee. That committee may deal with the matter by means of a reprimand or refer the cases to the disciplinary tribunal if serious misconduct is thought to have occurred.

Last week Sir John criticized solicitors for poor preparation and errors in bundles of documents which was taking up too much of the civil appeal office's time.

Resignation of tourism chief

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Mr Andrew Thorburn, who has been chief executive of the English Tourist Board (ETB) for less than two years, is leaving at the end of this month.

The termination of his service is "by agreement," the ETB said. No indication was *given whether there had been* any policy or other disagreement.

Mr Thorburn, who has a local government and planning background, was appointed in May 1983 when Mr Michael Montague was the chairman of ETB. But since then Mr Duncan Bluck has taken over as chairman of both the ETB and the British Tourist Authority, bringing a big shake-up in the organization of both bodies.

Mr Bluck, with a reputation as a tough businesman, was brought in by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to bring the two bodies closer together. Five London office buildings have been scrapped and most staff from the two organizations are now in the Thames Tower at Hammersmith. More than 40 jobs have disappeared.

High-tech alliance fights back

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Forty of Britain's top high technology companies which supply advanced computer-based office equipment have formed an alliance to fight off competition from abroad.

Partners in the group, who have total sales of £1.5 billion a year and employ 33,000 people, are concerned they must compete more effectively against market leaders from Japan, the United States and European states. To that end they have formed the new group to help improve their marketing and development skills.

The new partnership, the British Office Technology Manufacturers Association, will also seek to ensure British buyers of automated office equipment know what is available from British suppliers.

Inspired by the National Economic Development Office the corporate members include ICL, Acorn and STC

● The computer union, APEX (Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff), has published guidelines to help employers to provide satisfying jobs when new technology is introduced into a company.

Mr Roy Grantham, union general secretary, emphasized at the launch of the guidelines yesterday the need to have co-operation between mangagement and workforce to introduce technology.

A Granada to beat the thieves

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Ford's new Granada, previewed for the Press yesterday, is the first mass-produced car to fit anti-lock braking as standard equipment. It also has Chubb security locks which are claimed to be thief proof.

But again Ford is gambling by switching from a traditional saloon layout featuring a large *boot to* the more versatile hatchback style.

It did the same when Sierra replaced Cortina and ran into opposition from business users who prefer the extra security of an *independently* locked boot.

Ford says the new five-door Granada offers the best front and rear leg room in its class and that would not have been possible without making a traditional saloon too long for comfortable parking.

The new model was originally scheduled for launching last summer but was delayed reportedly for changes to the body shape to reduce the family likeness to the controversial Sierra "jellymould" shape.

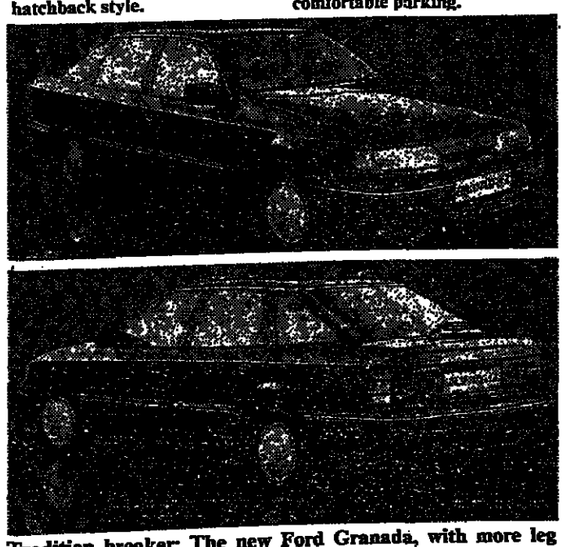
There is a great deal at stake for Ford. Until Granada appeared in 1977 it had failed to make any impact on the big-car sector. Granada changed that almost overnight, becoming the best seller in its class.

The new Granada has a distinct resemblance at the front to its biggest rival, the Rover 3,500, which will be replaced next year by Project XX, the joint venture with Honda Japan.

Like its predecessor the new Granada is being manufactured only in West Germany. It will reach British showrooms on May 17, shortly after the prices are announced.

It also reduces costs by using one body for four versions with more to come, including a sporting Granada with four-wheel drive which should appear in October.

● Environment ministers of the European Economic Community are meeting in Brussels tomorrow for the second time in two weeks to try to prevent a "car pollution" dispute between West Germany and its EEC partners growing into a trade war.



Tradition breaker: The new Ford Granada, with more leg room in front and a versatile hatchback.

Father in contract killing investigated

Mr Harry Mullocks, the pensioner who admitted that he paid for the murder of his son-in-law, admitted yesterday that he was under investigation by the Director of Public Prosecutions. Mr Roger Smith was stabbed to death in the back garden of his Johannesburg home, in South Africa, by a hired killer, David Mnguni.

Mrs Maureen Smith, aged 41, had hired Mnguni through an intermediary, the family chauffeur, Jack Ramogale, because her husband would not give her a divorce.

All three were sentenced to hang, but Mr Mullocks confessed he had paid £6,000 for the killing.

Mr Mullocks, aged 73, a wealthy East-ender, said in a sworn affidavit that he proposed the murder rather than have his daughter commit suicide. As a result the sentence on Mrs Smith, who was thrice-married, was commuted to 20 years' imprisonment. Death sentences on Ramogale, and Mnguni were commuted to 15 years and 30 years respectively.

The DPP has asked Scotland Yard to conduct the investigation. Although Britain has no extradition treaty with South Africa, Britons can face trial for such crimes committed there.

Mr Mullocks said yesterday: "I have been approached by *Scotland Yard. One of Smith's* family or close relatives has demanded that my affidavit be investigated

"I think they have found out that a petition is being put forward on behalf of Maureen to get her sentence reduced, and they are doing this to combat that for some reason."

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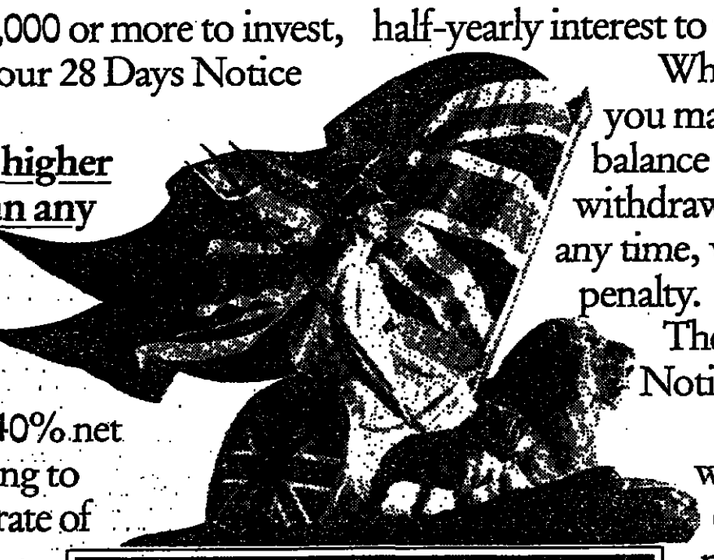
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Ministers only consulted on security aspects

FILM ON MI5

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General said during Commons questions on the film *MI5's Official Secrets* that he had consulted with Lord Whitelaw, the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister on one issue the security implications of interceptions They did not give their views on any other aspect of the case and he consulted no other ministers

He said an investigation by the Metropolitan Police into the allegations contained in the film was now under way Many of the allegations were vague and unspecific

He had announced on March 5 there would be no prosecution under the Official Secrets Act in connection with the film.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): As far as the makers of the film and the two former employees of MI5 are concerned, that was undoubtedly a wise decision, but serious allegations made in the film about malpractices and abuses carried out by the Security Services should be a matter of concern to his department as well as to the Prime Minister and Home Secretary

Does he not feel that if there is to be confidence in the Security Services it is essential they should be able to carry out their duties without the sort of political prejudice clearly there is now

Sir Michael Havers: I am very much aware of the allegations contained in the film I got a copy myself I spoke with the Director of Public Prosecutions and asked him to request the Metropolitan Police to investigate them That investigation is now under way The Metropolitan Police will report to the DPP who will in turn report to me

Sir Edward Gardner (Fylde, C): During the debate on the Interception of Communications Bill last week a former Home Secretary (Mr Merlyn Rees) gave it as his knowledge that certainly one of the allegations contained in that film was absolute rubbish.

Sir Michael Havers: I was aware of that Many of the other allegations were vague and unspecific It seems to me and the House would agree, that they should be investigated and that is what has happened

Mr John Morris, Opposition spokesman on legal affairs: Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, the former Attorney General expressed concern in the House of Lords on February 25 at a report in *The Times* that ministers were saying there would be no prosecution in this case Will he explain what ministerial consultations there have been and will he seek to persuade his colleagues, including the press officer at No 10, from giving guidance in matters which are solely his responsibility and his alone?

Since the Attorney General has in another instance taken the initiative to issue guidelines, will he do the same in case of prosecutions he will authorize under the Official Secrets Act which might help to kill off any parallel being drawn with the 19th century courts of equity where it is said the prosecution and equity varied with the length of the Chancellor's foot.

Sir Michael Havers: I think that criticism may have been apt then but I do not think it would apply now I consulted the Home Secretary (Mr Leon Brittan) the Lord President (Lord Whitelaw) a former Home Secretary with great experience and the Prime Minister, on one issue only – on the security implications of doing nothing about intercepts and generally on the implications of doing anything which might amount to confirmation or denial that particular intercepts had been made.

I did not ask for their views on any other aspect of the case and they did not proffer any such views. I consulted with no other ministers. If there were any prosecutions, even in respect of one of the intercepts, that would amount implicitly to confirmation of it

Rail bill taxpayers will not pick up

FREIGHT LOSSES

British Rail estimated lost freight receipts at £240 million, **Mr David Mitchell**, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said when asked by Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) in the Commons for the latest estimate of the cost of the coal dispute to the railways and how the money was to be recovered. Some £60 million of this was caused by railwaymen, he added.

It is for British Rail (the minister went on) to devise ways of recovering these losses and to achieve the financial target for the freight business.

There is nothing (he added later) that the taxpayer can or should do to bail them out from responsibility for the result of their own actions.

Mr Marlow: If such a loss were made by a private sector company it would not be made up in any way by the taxpayer. Can he give a categorical assurance that losses within British Rail will not be forced as a burden on the taxpayer in any way?

Mr Mitchell: BR have not approached us for any financial recompense. We are not expecting it. It may mean that they have to increase their borrowing. If they come to us with that request, we will consider it carefully.

Mr David Maclean (Penrith and the Border, C): Will he make it clear to the chairman of BR that part of that money could be recovered from the railway unions who took illegal secondary action during the coal strike?

Would he also make it plain that if the BR chairman wants extra borrowing powers and MPs to vote for them we expect some genuine productivity gains to be made within the rail network?

Mr Mitchell: It is very regrettable that some £60 million of the losses during the strike were caused by railwaymen themselves. This can do nothing but damage their own industry, the jobs which depend on it and the future of freight carrying by rail.

Mr Conal Gregory (York, C): While many economists would consider £60 million to be a considerable under-estimate, why in his discussions with the BR chairman did he not advise him that like the south Wales road hauliers, he could have taken legal action against secondary picketing so that he would not be announcing such a staggering sum that taxpayers will have to pick up?

Mr Mitchell: The taxpayer is not going to pick that up. BR's problem is that they are running a commercial freight business and the consequences of it will be felt by those who work in that business. They damage themselves.

Taking legal action during the strike is entirely a matter for BR management.

MP's suggestion to be considered

COAL DISPUTE

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General said that the worst way to persuade those who might be considering an amnesty following the miners' strike was to hound those who had exercized their right to work in the absence of a ballot.

He agreed during Commons questions it would be helpful if a magistrate's clerk's note could be available at appeals against dismissal where the National Coal Board and the NUM disagreed about the evidence.

Between March 13 1984 and March 5 1985 there had been 7,917 persons charged with a total of 10,372 offences alleged to have been committed during the course of the miner's dispute. Of those, 5,653 persons had been dealt with by the end of that period and the cases of 2,262 remained to be heard.

Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C): With regard to the 2,262 outstanding charges of people still to be dealt with, will he assure the House that despite the fact the mining dispute is now over, these people awaiting conviction or charges will definitely be severely dealt with and sentences given at the end will be properly and publicly detailed throughout the country?

Sir Michael Havers: I have no responsibility of any kind for the sentences of the courts. I would not seek at any time to try to influence or interfere with decisions of the justices. As for an amnesty, whether to proceed with a case must be a matter for chief constables of the areas concerned.

Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab): In some coalfields men have been dismissed simply because they face a charge, not because they have been convicted. This is a scarcely helpful way in which the coal board can contribute to reconciliation.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C): Not all of us share Mr Bruinvels's views. However, it would be helpful if the NUM and leading members of the Labour Party could themselves take a lead in saying that vicious and violent attacks on people who merely exercised their right to go to work in the absence of a ballot and who are being hounded, affront many millions of people.

Sir Michael Havers: I agree.

Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley, Lab): Could the Attorney General assist by providing the facts of the case to the NUM and the management of the NCB when they are considering individual applications for reinstatement.

The present position is that a conviction ipso facto constitutes dismissal in the eyes of the NCB and in the appeal procedure the management and NUM put forward different versions of the facts of the case. If the Attorney General or the Home Secretary provided a precis on the facts of the case when these appeals took place, it would be helpful.

Sir Michael Havers: I will arrange for that to be considered. I would hope magistrates' clerk's would take an efficient note which would be available to that appeal.

Mr David Madel (South West Bedfordshire, C): Will he confirm that industrial tribunals were set up to deal with dismissal cases and their impartiality is guaranteed by existing employment protection law?

Sir Michael Havers: That is right, but I think Mr Ryman was suggesting there may be occasions in areas of conflict of evidence that the task of the tribunal would be easier if they had an impartial note, say from the magistrate's clerk.

Women advised to have cervical check every five years

HEALTH

Any problem with cervical cancer screening in Britain was not one of resources but administrative efficiency. **Mr Kenneth Clarke**, Minister for Health, told the Commons in response to a private notice question.

He hoped women would not be put off from seeking screening as a result of the controversy, which has followed the disclosure that three women had developed the disease after doctors failed to tell them their tests were positive.

Mr Clarke said all women who were sexually active should be screened for cervical cancer every five years.

Where an abnormality was detected very often a second test showed this was a mistake. If there were early signs of cancer it could be treated with a high probability of success. Lives could be saved.

This was not one of the most expensive services being developed in the national health service. The problem was administrative efficiency to make sure no errors were made at any stage.

Responding to a question from **Mr Frank Dobson**, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security, **Mr Clarke** said his department was already preparing a questionnaire to all health authorities to up-date its information on local screening services. It would be issued shortly.

Mr Dobson: People will notice the contrast between efforts to harass health authorities into introducing privatization whereas his officials, ministerial colleagues and himself have not raised one finger to try to either find out what was happening in the health districts or to urge them to do the proper job people expect them to do.

Mr Clarke: We all share the concern about this tragic case in Oxfordshire and we are concerned to protect women against this avoidable risk. Mr Dobson is quite wrong to try to draw a contrast between this and the tendering process.

Health authorities should have screening programmes, and those should result in clinicians being told



Dobson: Authorities not urged to do proper job.

the results of tests. All clinicians should then act to ensure the woman concerned is notified.

Over most of the country the present arrangements are working well and women should not be unnecessarily alarmed.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C): Money saved by the privatization programme is badly needed elsewhere. There can be no possible reason why GPs who have been notified of a positive result of a cervical smear should fail to inform patients about the result of that test.

Mr Clarke: There can be no reason at all.

Mr Roger Sims (Chislehurst, C): Mr Clarke's department has discharged its responsibilities and the real responsibility must lie with the GP himself.

Mr Clarke: We will continue to discharge our responsibilities by following up our guidelines. I agree that the individual GP must be responsible and I am sure most do not need to be told that if they are notified of a positive test they must immediately contact the patient for a further test. We hope no errors are made but we are not talking about a failure of policy.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C): Many women's confidence, rightly or wrongly, will be damaged by this case. I have received three telephone calls asking if the service was all right in the West Midlands.

Could not postcards be sent to every woman giving the results? The cost would be so small it would be well worth while.

Mr Clarke: Any woman concerned can approach her GP who will obviously tell her the result.

We will consider Mr Beaumont-Dark's suggestion about postcards and put it to our expert advisory committee.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) said in his constituency if a woman did not return to her doctor following a positive test the health authority contacted her direct. Was it not maladministration on the part of Mr Clarke's department that such a procedure was not part of the guidelines.

Mr Clarke replied that it was a sensible arrangement. All of this was common sense and health authorities did not need such obvious things spelt out to them. They should be capable of setting up elementary screening procedures.

Drawbacks to route tendering

BUSES

Competitive tendering for all bus services, as proposed by the select committee on transport, would not secure the gains in productivity and the concentration on the needs of the passenger which deregulation would provide, **Mr Nicholas Ridley**, Secretary of State for Transport, said in the Commons.

Replying to a question from **Mr Gary Waller** (Keighley, C), who wanted to know why he was opposed to the committee's recommendation, he said it would be a much more restrictive system even than the present one.

He went on: A system of competitive tendering for franchises on all routes would mean that, once the franchise had been let, an unbreakable monopoly would exist on that route for the period of the franchise.

That would not only mean passengers could be exploited but also that the productivity gains and the improvements in efficiency we should be able to get could not be obtained.

If a major operator lost the franchise, it would be extremely difficult and wasteful if hundreds of buses and drivers suddenly were without occupation because the franchise had been lost. The consequences for redundancy on that scale of a franchising system have to be borne in mind.

Directive on third party injury

INSURANCE

The Government intends to bring before Parliament this session the necessary legislation for implementing the European Community directive requiring compulsory motor insurance for third party injury and property damage, **Mr Michael Spicer**, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said during Commons questions.

He told **Mr Sydney Chapman** (Chipping Barnet, C), who asked for a progress report on the preparation of the legislation: At the request of some organizations we extended by six weeks the consultation deadline of December 31. A number of points still have to be sorted out before we can bring considered proposals to the House for extending compulsory motor insurance to include third party property damage.

Mr Chapman: Could he give the assurance that he will seek amending legislation well before the end of 1988? Since the directive explicitly gives uniform minimum protection to third parties in motor accidents but implicitly encourages more than minimum protection, would he look sympathetically at the point that our legislation should be much tighter than that laid down in the directive?

Mr Spicer said it was correct that the legislation would not have to come into effect until 1988, according to the directive.

On raising our protection above the minimum (he added), that is what we are consulting about at the moment. We will take what he says into account.

Chairman denied access to committee records

HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Gladwyn the first chairman of the Russia Committee which sat in 1948-49 has been told by the Government he is not among those entitled to see records of the meetings in order to refresh his memory, despite the fact that two others who sat in from time to time were the Soviet agents Kim Philby and Guy Burgess, it was revealed in the House of Lords during question time

Lord Gladwyn (L) had asked why it had not been possible to make available for public inspection the conclusions and recommendations of the Russia Committee during the time he had been chairman.

Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs: A number of the 1948-49 papers of the Russia Committee fall within the terms of the general provisions given by the Lord Chancellor in 1967 for the retention within government departments of records relating to security and intelligence matters for longer than 30 years

The question of the release of the records which interest Lord Gladwyn was reviewed in 1982 and again in 1984 by two of my ministerial colleagues at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Both were unable to find grounds to vary the original decision to withhold these records.

Lord Gladwyn: Is it not a little absurd that under the law the chairman of what was after all the first and very successful policy planning body of the Foreign Office, should not be allowed to refresh his memory as to the recommendations and conclusions of that body, more especially when he has given an assurance he would never make any use or refer in any way to these papers without the consent of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office?

I seem to recall that representatives of MI5 and MI6 on this committee included from time to time the notorious Soviet agent Kim Philby. Would it not be desirable for the Government to recommend that searchers for truth and history generally should have recourse to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow where the documents are presumed to be available?

Lady Young: I note what he says. Access to papers retained under the provisions of the Public Record Act 1958 is privy only to those who need to see them for official purposes.

Over the past 18 months my department has tried to be as helpful as possible to Lord Gladwyn and ministerial colleagues in the Foreign Office have had extensive correspondence with him.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers: Is she saying that Lord Gladwyn cannot have access to papers of a committee of which he was chairman, especially when he makes it plain and gives an undertaking not to impart any of the information he obtains?

Lady Young: The answer is as I have given it.

Lord Paget of Northampton (Lab): The ex-Ambassador and the man who drew up this report should be allowed to have a look at his own report. How in heaven's name does that affect the security of this country? It has brought the whole thing to a farce.

Lady Young: I have nothing further to add

Lord Mayhew (L): The proceedings of this committee, of which I was a member, would not have been reported to Moscow by Philby. This task would have been entrusted to Mr Guy Burgess

Lady Young: I am glad he can regard as a joke what may have happened

Thatcher apologises

PAY DISPUTE

The Prime Minister has issued a statement correcting an error she made last week during question time when she criticized the staff at a special school for going on strike.

In a Commons written reply, Mrs Thatcher said: I am pleased to confirm that members of the National Union of Teachers at Exhall Grange School were not on strike last week.

I am delighted that, unlike teachers at some other special schools where industrial action is taking place, they are continuing to carry out their difficult and demanding duties.

I very much regret any embarrassment or offence to teachers at this school which may have followed from my statement last Thursday. The misunderstanding arose because publicity material from the National Union of Teachers was in error. It was Exhall School which was affected, Exhall Grange School was not.

Cash for volunteers

Government funding of the British Volunteer Programme is to be increased by 15 per cent to £6,950,000 in 1985-86. **Mr Timothy Raison**, Minister for Overseas Development, said during question time in the Commons.

Penalties under review

TRAFFIC LAW

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport, told the Commons that the penalties for drunken driving were harsh but that if they needed to be made harsher she was sure the review body on traffic law would so recommend.

She said during questions that the penalties for drunken driving were a £2,000 fine and an obligatory disqualification or up to six months in jail. The Home Secretary regularly updated maximum penalties and reviewed different penalties for various offences.

Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C) had asked Mrs Chalker to examine speeding offences, which seemed to be increasing, particularly on motorways where 80 mph was a traditional speed. Would she also look at drunken driving offences, particularly as some garages had off-licence facilities, with a view to increasing penalties?

Mrs Chalker referred to the review body set up on January 31 to consider certain aspects of traffic law, including penalties, and said she was concerned most to have law which was fair and effective.

Mr Conal Gregory (York, C) said there were disparities throughout the country, particularly on construction and use. If a rear light did not function, in one county the driver would be prosecuted whereas in another county they might be advised to present a note to a police station saying that it had been remedied. The review should examine this.

Mrs Chalker was sure the review would be looking not only at this but at other situations where there seemed to be inequality between one county and another.

Mr Roger King (Birmingham, Northfield, C) said sensible traffic law was readily obeyed by motorists. The Select Committee report on road safety, advocating a trial 80 mph speed limit on motorways, was a step forward.

Mrs Chalker said all sensible road law was not obeyed.

Vintage cars on TT circuit

Plans to reopen the old Ards TT circuit in Belfast next year to hold a race using vintage cars to mark the golden jubilee of the last race meeting there, were outlined in the House of Lords by Lord Dunleath (Ind) when he successfully moved the second reading of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Amendment) Bill.

Lord Lyell, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said it was an attractive idea, but would create many practical difficulties

Consolidating the gains made last year in CAP

AGRICULTURE

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, gave a qualified welcome to the European Commission's price proposals for this year when he opened a Commons debate on the farm price proposals. However, he emphasised the need to put the common agricultural policy on a sounder and more realistic basis.

The Government motion to take note of the proposals, called for support of its intention to seek an agreement on 1985-86 prices and measures which built on the success of 1984 in introducing greater realism into the operation of the CAP, consistent with the financial guideline for agriculture and an agreement which maintained a policy of price restraint in the CAP, avoided discrimination against United Kingdom interests, and took account of the interests of United Kingdom producers, consumers, traders and food processors.

Mr Jopling said that last year they had taken steps towards a more realistic and cost effective CAP. There could be no doubt that they had made greater progress than ever before in improving the CAP and mitigating its adverse effects on the United Kingdom. So far this year, progress had been maintained.

Sensible decisions for a period of years will be needed (he said) if all the problems of the CAP are to be solved. It is important that, at this year's price fixing we should consolidate the gains made last year, and take further steps in the right direction.

Proper attention should be paid to the need for policies to be administered effectively. Producers were concerned that they should be administered fairly.

Producers in Northern Ireland were unlikely to be required to pay any levy in respect of milk production in 1984-85.

There was no longer any excuse for failure to apply the milk quota system properly. He would continue to press for the rules to be properly respected in all member states.

The surplus remained and no price increase for milk was justified this year. He would press for a freeze, by way of a smaller increase than proposed in skimmed milk and butter prices.

Only the increase in the value of the dollar had prevented a great increase in the cost of the cereal sector. The full 5 per cent reduction required by the thresholds should be applied without a norm price increase. The common price level cut should be 5 per cent rather than the 3.6 per cent proposed by the Commission.

He saw no justification for the Commission's proposal not to renew the beef variable premium scheme.

Mr Brynmor John, chief opposition spokesman on agriculture, said the documents they were considering were as long as *Gone With the Wind* but were only half as readable and lacked any central theme. He had only felt able to read the explanatory memorandum which was a mere 110 pages long.

There had to be some surplus to buffer us against crop failure and to enable us to play our full part in the battle against world poverty.

The tragedy of the CAP was that, although the strong US dollar had narrowed the gap between CAP prices and world prices, we still had dearer agricultural products than the US. If the dollar weakened our prices would become uncompetitive and the cost of subsidising our exports would go up.

It was wrong to think people would be forced out of cereal production by making it unattractive. Better crop yields had more than offset price reductions in the past.

The whole strategy on price restraint was the preferred way of making the CAP more rational.

Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C) asked what was to be done with 660,000 tonnes of beef in the EEC intervention stores. Mr Jopling ought to go into the negotiations with this issue as the sticking point.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Budget statement. **Lords** (2.30): National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations.

The lessons of Sizewell : 2

Cancer risk at heart of safety argument

The atomic energy industry claims a safety record second to none for its workers. In the second of three articles, PEARCE WRIGHT, Science Editor, writes that opponents of nuclear power suggest that the medical care lavished on staff contributes to a "healthy worker effect", a factor which should be taken into account when considering statistics on mortality

The evidence contested most fiercely at the Sizewell inquiry concerned the risks of leukaemia and other cancers from the operations of the nuclear industry. Although the Central Electricity Generating Board had to fend off criticisms that the risks were underestimated, the board was, in effect defending another organization.

The dispute centred on the accepted safety levels of exposure to low levels of radiation of the population from the activities of the nuclear industry The levels are, however, agreed by the International Commission for Radiological Protection.

The dose of radiation that they recommend as acceptable is in turn adopted by the nuclear industry in devising protection measures for its employees and for developing waste disposal methods to keep exposure to the population as low as practically possible.

But Mr Graham Searle, representing a local group of objectors, asserted that the present standards needed revision because the present recommendations underestimated the risks. New standards should take into account the threat to health of the population from low doses of radiation, as disclosed by recent research.

He asked for a number of specific medical studies to be recommended in the inspector's final report to the Government. Those investigations would examine whether the incidence of leukaemia and other cancers, of a type known to be produced by radiation near nuclear plants, was "cause related" or "chance association".

The nuclear industry subjects all job applicants to stringent health screening. Regular monitoring also occurs during employment. In addition, a high proportion of the workforce includes social groups such as engineers and scientists, groups where the risk of premature death is low.

However, that staff selection process and the medical care lavished on them is said to contribute to what is called the healthy worker effect.

According to Dr Alice Stewart, a senior epidemiologist from Birmingham University, any statistics on the mortality of employees in the nuclear industry, both those still working and those who have left it, should be viewed with caution unless the healthy worker effect is taken into account.

Dr Stewart's work was at the centre of the low dose radiation controversy that showed that the risk of cancer increased among children whose mothers had received X-rays during pregnancy.

As a consequence of her findings the practice of taking X-rays in pregnancy has been phased out. But it took more than 15 years of accumulating additional data during the Oxford Survey of Childhood Cancers before her conclusions were accepted.

Dr Stewart and her colleagues are particularly proficient at looking for any masking effects that may lead to misinterpretations of the sources of illness in the population.

Epidemiology is one of the newest and most difficult of the medical sciences. The detective work it involves, as illustrated in the unravelling of the link between smoking and lung and heart disease, keeps scientists worrying at data like a dog at a bone. The bone at the inquiry was the data on the number of leukemias in the areas surrounding plants such as the existing nuclear power station at Sizewell and the Sellafield nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in Cumbria.



Lynda Wray, aged 20, from Salford, Greater Manchester, who underwent a heart-lung operation at Harefield Hospital in Middlesex last October, back at work in a Manchester bank yesterday.

Women on remand 'penalized'

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Unfair treatment of women on remand compared with men demands an urgent review, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said yesterday.

Two-thirds of the women who are remanded in custody are not subsequently sentenced to imprisonment. But 61 per cent of men remanded in custody did receive custodial sentences the association reported.

The call for a review came from Ms Vivien Stern, the association's director. She said that last year nearly 2,000 women experienced life behind bars without a single prison sentence being passed.

"They were the victims of a system which imprisoned them before trial or sentence, often in overcrowded institutions, far from their homes and families. Yet when their cases were heard and judgment given, the courts decided that they were innocent or that a prison sentence was not a suitable punishment

"A much lower proportion of male prisoners are treated in this way. It is deplorable that so many of these women should be required to serve a 'sentence' on remand."

The average length of time women spent in custody before conviction was 31 days. An average of 30 days was spent there before sentence. Women remanded in custody before conviction and again before sentence thus spent an average of 61 days inside.

Prison for suicide pact killer

A man who did not go through with a suicide pact after fatally wounding his devoted girl friend was jailed for four years yesterday.

Geoffrey Willis, aged 26, a welder of Main Street, Screveton, near Bingham, Nottinghamshire, denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter at Nottingham Crown Court.

His girl friend, Miss Julie Allman, aged 20, a factory worker, of Holme Farm Lane, Marnaham, Nottinghamshire, died in August after Willis shot her twice with a home-made gun.

Mr Peter Joyce, for the prosecution said that after a night's drinking near Willis's home he shot Miss Allman with a ballbearing from the home-made gun. But the shot did not kill her, or even knock her unconscious.

"She begged him to kill her, in effect, to finish the job. A second shot followed and Julie died in hospital later."

"It was his idea. They came to the point of view that they could not live without each other. He did not go through with the suicide pact because he was so alarmed at having failed to kill his girl friend with two shots. He then went for help."

Mr John Milmo, QC, for Willis, said he was determined to kill himself before he was 30. He suffered from depression after the death of his mother.

Mr Justice Tudor Prinee told Willis: "What you did was selfish, you could have persuaded her to go on living. You blinded yourself to her interests."

Home prices rise despite bad weather

House prices have been edging up in the past three months in spite of the bad weather, but there is no sign of a sudden increase in prices, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Our Property Correspondent writes).

Its latest survey shows an increase in inquiries from buyers and a shorter selling period rather than a boost to those prices. During the quarter ending February 28, nearly half the 247 agents in England and Wales who took part in the survey reported stable prices, while almost the same number noted increases of up to 2 per cent, and 8 per cent reported increases of up to 5 per cent.

Commenting on the figures, Mr John Thomas, RICS spokesman on the housing market, said its performance in January and February, months of extremely bad weather, had surprised many estate agents.

"There are indications that in many areas demand is exceeding supply in most price categories, but the reluctance of buyers to place their own homes on the market before finding an alternative results in delays."

Girl's £340,000

Susan Towsend, aged five, of Skerry Rise, Chelmsford, Essex, who suffered severe brain damage at birth, was awarded £340,000 agreed damages at the High Court yesterday, against the Mid Essex Health Authority, which is responsible for St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, where she was born. The authority made no admission of liability.

TV tiger cub Tiggley loses her home and job

Tiggley, the television tiger cub, lost her job and her home when her owner was prosecuted for not having a licence to keep her. Oxted Magistrates' Court in Surrey was told yesterday.

Tiggley, a Bengal tigress, had appeared in television breaks and was set to follow her parents in petrol advertisements when the work dried up after new owner, Vicki Heyburn, was taken to court for not having a proper licence.

Heyburn, aged 23, was given a conditional discharge for 12 months and ordered to pay £75 costs after telling the court that Tiggley had been sent to a zoo. She pleaded not guilty to keeping a wild animal without a licence at her home, Oakmead, Tilburstow Hill, South Godstone, Surrey.

The licence was refused by Tandridge District Council because the tigress was kept in inadequate premises. Mr Robert Muir, the environmental health officer, told the court.

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Gorbachov's agenda

Settling in at the Kremlin

From Richard Owen, Moscow

At the end of last week, with President Chernenko buried and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov settling in at the Kremlin, rumours swept Moscow that Marshal Sergei Sokolov, the Defence Minister, aged 73, had died.

The rumours proved unfounded, and Tass announced that Marshal Sokolov had invited his Czechoslovak opposite number to Moscow later this month. But the incident underlined two crucial aspects of Mr Gorbachov's rule as he began his second week in power – his relationship with the military; and the fact that although the new Soviet leader is 54, much of the administration he has inherited is septuagenarian.

As Mr Gorbachov's hectic round of speeches and meetings with world leaders at the Chernenko funeral last week demonstrated, he faces a formidable array of problems at home and abroad. Nearly all of them have important military and security aspects on which the armed forces and the KGB will expect to have a say. They range from the Geneva talks and the prospective summit with President Reagan to Poland and eastern Europe and the occupation of Afghanistan.

At home, Mr Gorbachov has committed himself to an economic programme which, in rhetoric, almost matches Khrushchev's vow to overtake the United States. Mr Gorbachov declared in Red Square that Russian communism would vanquish capitalism "not by force of arms but by force of example".

But if Mr Gorbachov hopes to revive the economy and improve the consumer sector, he will have to contend with military demands for higher defence spending to match America's. Agreement on disarmament at Geneva would not only win Mr Gorbachov and Mr Reagan world-wide applause, it would also take the steam out a military demands at home.

Last week, the new Soviet leader emphasized his commitment to Russia's armed might. But Soviet sources say his priority is industrial and agricultural investment and innovation, and that Mr Gorbachov "puts butter before guns", in the words of one informed source.

Observers were struck by the fact that not a single military officer appeared alongside the Politburo on top of the Lenin Mausoleum at last week's funeral, a break with past practice which as yet has to be explained.

Marshal Sokolov, who became Deputy Defence Minister under Brezhnev, is not even a candidate Politburo member. He was "a typical Chernenko safe choice" when Marshal Ustinov died last December. Mr Gorbachov may decide that he wants his own links with the top brass, especially since the present High Command have strong ties with Mr Grigory Romanov, Mr Gorbachov's former rival for the leadership.

Observers expect Mr Gorbachov to begin moving his own men into top positions in the political and perhaps even military structure next month, when a Central Committee plenum on economic and technological questions is to convene. In the long-term he has his eye on the elections to the 27th Party Congress in the Autumn. Like his predecessors, Mr Gorbachov will initially rule by consensus, through a collective leadership. But his manoeuvering for the succession has already given him the status of *primus inter pares*, so that he can move swiftly to impose his stamp on the Kremlin.

Mr Gorbachvo is expected to move members of his generation into key posts, eventually replacing even Mr Andrei Gromyko, the veteran Foreign Minister.

So far there is little sign of foreign policy initiatives by the new leadership. Mr Gorbachov held an extensive round-table meeting with his Warsaw Pact allies last week, and there are reports that the pact summit, cancelled in January because of Chernenko's illness, may take place in April or May. But there are still tensions within the alliance, including differences over the renewal of the pact on its 30th anniversary in two months' time.

On Afghanistan President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan last week found the Soviet leader in favour of a political rather than military solution. But he lambasted President Zia for allowing Pakistan to be used for aggressive actions against Afghanistan.

There are, however, three areas where the Gorbachov leadership may move forward: China, the Middle East and disarmament.

Praise from Gromyko

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, last week made an unusually outspoken speech praising Mr Gorbachov's brilliance when nominating him for the leadership and denying there were divisions in the Kremlin, it was revealed in Moscow yesterday.

His speech praised Mr Gorbachov for his plain speaking and directness. Mr Gorbachov was a man of conviction and principle.

Mr Gromyko confirmed that Mr Gorbachov had been acting leader during Mr Chernenko's illness and absence earlier this year, the first time this has been publicly admitted.

Mr Gorbachov's capacity for brilliant analysis and decision making extended to foreign policy.



In harmony: Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, and his wife Mila, joining President Reagan and his wife Nancy to sing "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" at a gala on Sunday in Quebec.

Thais ask Russia to cut Hanoi arms aid

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Thailand asked the Soviet Union yesterday to reduce military assistance to Vietnam so as to force the Hanoi Government to curtail its military activities in Cambodia.

During a two-hour meeting Air Chief Marshal Siddi Sawetsila, the Thai Foreign Minister, told Mr Mikhail Kapitsa, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, that the consequences of Russian military support for Vietnam seriously affected Thailand's "vital interests". Later Air Chief Marshal Siddhi said he had told Mr Kapitsa that Soviet weapons were being used to attack Thai soldiers and civilians.

He was referring to the Vietnamese incursion into north-eastern Thailand in which 27 Thai soldiers have been killed and 109 wounded. Sixteen civilians have also been killed. According to Thai officials, Mr Kapitsa's response was non-committal, although he did say the Soviet Union had "good intentions" towards Thailand.

Some 200 to 300 Vietnamese soldiers were still on Thai soil. Lieutenant-General Pisit Hemabutr, deputy commander of the Second Army Region, said yesterday. Thai units were conducting extensive patrols in Surin and Sisaket provinces

China calls halt to upsurge in profiteering

From Mary Lee
Peking

The Chinese Government has issued a flurry of directives to state organizations and enterprises banning unauthorized methods of making a profit.

The purpose of the latest State Council circular is to stem speculation in foreign currencies as well as in scarce consumer goods and raw materials.

The circulation of foreign currency of any kind is now illegal except in areas such as special economic zones, hotels and shops, which have permission to accept them.

In an effort to eliminate the black market in foreign currencies as well as foreign exchange certificates (which foreigners must use in China) authorized dealers will be penalized and their foreign exchange assets frozen", the circular said.

The directive also said that if anyone is found using bank loans for currency or other speculation, the loans will be cancelled and the credit already extended will have to be repaid. Fines will also be imposed and "in severe cases, the people in charge will face disciplinary measures", the circular stated.

Another State Council circular, issued on March 13 and made public on Sunday, bans speculation in important raw materials such as steel and consumer goods

Billion-dollar scheme

US call for business gets engaged signal

As Japan's telephone system is prepared for privatization, David Watts in Tokyo, in the second of two articles, looks at the pressures from the United States for a chance to share in the business bonanza likely to result from the expansion plans.

When Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, touched down in Los Angeles early in January for a summit meeting with President Reagan, high on the Americans' list of trading priorities was better access to the Japanese market for American telecommunications equipment.

Neither leader could have guessed that three months later there could have been such tension over the issue, with talk of retaliation in the US. Washington has presented a definitive list of liberalization moves it wants to see by the beginning of April.

The privatization of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) represents for the American and world telecommunications industry a potential bonanza of business in Japan worth hundreds of billions of dollars, if they are allowed to get near it. Already Japan sells far more telecommunications equipment in the US than Americans do in Japan, and Washington is keen to restore some of the balance. Foreigners are not allowed to buy stock in the privatized company, at least for the first five years.

Up to now NTT has tended to buy its telecommunications hardware from a close-knit "family" of Japanese manufacturers which includes NEC, *Fujitsu*, *Hitachi* and *Oki* Electric. Ironically Dr Hisashi Shinto, who heads NTT at present and is expected to continue in the job beyond privatization, has always been prepared to buy from outside, to the annoyance of his Japanese suppliers.

"My basic philosophy is that, as the top management person of NTT, the top priority is to look for the best quality and the lowest cost. I can buy from all over the world . . . whether NTT is bound by the Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) agreement or not, that policy won't change." Having said that, he readily admits that most the time "best price and quality" means "Made in Japan".

But will the new privatized company buy more from abroad, as the Americans are hoping? "To be very frank with you, as far as hardware is concerned I am very pessimistic", he said, implying that software, where Japanese manufacturers are weakest, might provide market openings.

American manufacturers have been made doubly wary by the recent revelation that foreign products aimed at the Japanese market will be tested by a new body. Previously testing of foreign telecommunications equipment was done by NTT itself. The establishment of the new Japan Approvals Institute for Telecommunications Equipment is plainly part of the Government's policy of trying to make the whole privatization exercise as "transparent" as possible for foreigners, so as to overcome some of the criticisms already made.

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One foreign visitor to the testing lab gave the Japanese full marks for openness and friendliness. He could not understand what all the fuss was about. Others are less sanguine, since the institute is funded by Japanese electronics companies and banks and its board of directors is made up entirely of representatives of Japanese concerns.

In response to these charges, Dr Shinto urges foreign government and company representatives to make approaches to the Japanese Government if they are dissatisfied. The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has appeared ready to consider letting foreigners participate in the institute's board of directors, but so far there has been no appointment.

Already IBM and AT and T from the US have formed joint ventures with Japanese partners to get in early with the "value added networks", which link computer to computer, when the rush of business starts after next month's privatization. Toshiba is to market AT and T telephone exchanges.

One of the leading wholly Japanese consortia is Daini Den-Den, which links the leading electronics manufacturer, Kyocera, with Sony and two other partners. As well as NTT there are several highly unlikely challengers expected to enter the data transmission business – two state-owned corporations, Japan National Railways and Japan Public Highways Corporation, will be hawking the attractions of their trunk routes as suitable sites for cable routings.

An even more unexpected contender is the Federation of Economic Organizations, which is thinking of buying a satellite as the heart of its network and urging the other Japanese outsiders to join forces in a "second NTT".

Concluded



Dr Shinto: Offer to foreign companies

Soviet diplomat missing

Delhi – Mr Igor Guezha, an attaché at the Soviet Information Department has been missing since Sunday, according to police (Kuldip Nayar writes).

The Soviet Embassy reported that Mr Guezha could not be traced. Asked if it suspected foul play, an embassy official said: "Who knows?"

Mr Guezha, aged 37, has lived in India for the past five years with his wife and daughter, aged 10. He is fond of jogging. Police said his car had been found outside the Lodi Gardens.

An External Affairs Ministry spokesman said the Indian Government had received a report from the Soviet Embassy and was making every effort to trace Mr Guezha. He was unable to say in what circumstances the Soviet attaché disappeared.

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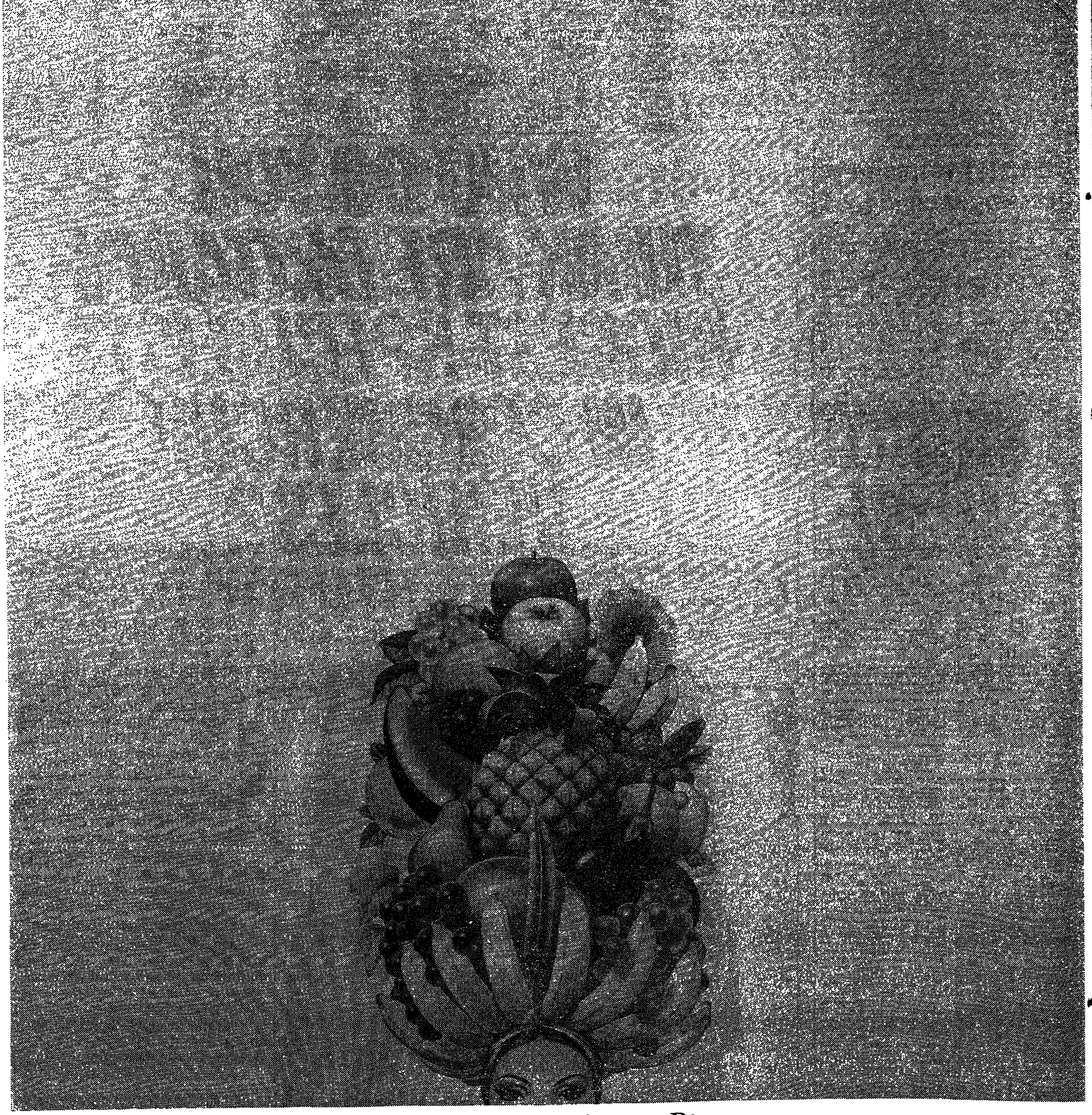


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Premier warns Lebanese that nation's existence is threatened

Phalange revolt may force Gemayel to quit

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The fragmentation of Lebanon's Christian militia and Syria's continued military threat to the Phalangists north of Beirut brought forth a macabre warning of civil war from Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, yesterday. He said that President Gemayel may soon have to resign if the mutiny among the Phalangists – who are now talking of setting up their own Christian administration in East Beirut – was not quashed.

A platoon of Syrian troops with armoured vehicles remained parked on the main highway north of Beirut, just beyond the Matfoun Bridge, during the day. Reports that Syrian tanks have been brought down to the Syrian-Christian front line south of Batroun are wrong, but Samir Geagea and his Phalangist mutineers do believe that several Palestinian units may have been installed north of their lines by the Syrians.

Even if this belief proves to be unfounded, it reflects the growing concern within the Christian community that Syria really does intend to use force to quell the militia uprising and protect President Gemayel.

Lebanon's disintegration is indeed looking even more apparent. There was fighting between Phalangists and Shia Muslim militiamen yesterday, while the British Ambassador in Beirut – concerned at the kidnapping of two Britons and an American journalist last week – yesterday ordered the closure of the Embassy's visa offices in the Muslim west of the city.

Mr Marcus Hope, the British First Secretary, flew out of Beirut on board an American helicopter yesterday. He was seen disembarking in Cyprus.

British officials – there are 10 left in Beirut – explained that he had gone on holiday because his wife had just had a baby, although other Western diplomats still in the west of the city regarded Mr Hope's departure as a sign that the British were further reducing their embassy staff.

There was still no news of the two kidnapped Britons, Mr Brian Levick and Mr Geoffrey Nash, nor of Mr Terry Anderson, the Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut. Only four American journalists are now left in west Beirut.

Mr Karami's warning that the Phalangist revolt against Mr Gemayel could "undermine Lebanon and terminate its existence" followed several days of threats against the Phalangists in the official Syrian press. The Syrians say that the Israelis are behind the Phalangist mutiny.

The Phalangists, who have at last lost their patience with President Gemayel now that his father, Pierre, is dead and can no longer restrain them, say that they are tired of Syria's domination over the Lebanese Government.

The mutiny is cerainly not to Syria's advantage. For their part, the Israelis are not going to shed any tears over the embarrassment of Mr Gemayel and his colleagues.

It is, however, necessary to remember that words often fail to reflect reality in Lebanon. Mr Gemayel, for example, is unlikely to resign. There is no one to take his place and the Phalangists in any case have not demanded his resignation.

Mr Karami may give warnings of the consequences of a separate Christian administration in east Beirut, but the Phalange have been running that part of the city – administering public transport, imposing taxes and their own laws – for several years. Nor do the Syrians really want to re-enter Beirut.

But life is again growing more dangerous for most people, not least the foreign journalists still working in Lebanon. At the weekend, two American correspondents and a Swedish reporter had shots fired at their car by Syrian troops at the Matfoun Bridge. They had pulled out of a line of cars at a Syrian checkpoint and had turned back to Beirut.

In the south, the Israeli Army also routinely fires at vehicles whose drivers try to turn back from military checkpoints.



Graveside grief: Israeli soldiers mourning the death of Sergeant Rafi Kasher, aged 20, killed on Sunday in an ambush in southern Lebanon, at his funeral yesterday in Tel Aviv

Israelis explain buffer zone

From Christopher Walker, Tel Aviv

Fresh details have emerged about the controversial security zone that Israel intends to set up in southern Lebanon and over which it plans to retain control through surrogate Lebanese forces after the withdrawal of the bulk of its own Army.

Foreign reporters were told that the zone would be roughly similar in size to that which existed under the nominal control of the late Major Saad Haddad before the 1982 invasion and was known as "Haddad land".

The Israelis say that between 60,000 and 100,000 Shia Muslims now live in the area.

Senior military sources, who confirmed a report in *The Times* about the zone's establishment, said that Muslim extremists living in it would be evicted to the north, while those "with blood on their hands" would be detained at an Israeli prison camp.

The sources, who insisted on anonymity, claimed that the number who would be banished from the buffer zone would be very small. No details were available about the number of Israeli troops who will remain there in the guise of "advisors" to the South Lebanon Army, which will be receiving extra weaponry from Israel.

The Tel Aviv paper *Ha'aretz* disclosed yesterday that senior military figures here believe that the proposed zone is too narrow and will be ineffective in preventing salvos of rockets hitting northern Israel "several days" after the main withdrawal is complete.

Teh military figures also predicted that recent developments in occupied southern Lebanon would necessitate the Israelis concentrating "relatively large" forces inside the security zone for a long period after the main withdrawal is over.

Meanwhile, aides of Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, played down suggestions that the pace of the retreat was being significantly stepped up.

They stressed that in his American television interview on Sunday he had said only that the pullback would be "mostly" complete within eight to ten weeks.

● **JERUSALEM:** Israel is determined to withdraw from Lebanon and "defend our northern frontiers and villages from our own land," the Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, said yesterday (AP reports).

"When you read our papers you may get the impression that there is pressure on the Government to withdraw from Lebanon," he told an international conference of volunteers who help Israel.

::It's a bit of rhetoric, because the competition is not on the withdrawal but on the declarations of the withdrawal – who will be the quickest one to declare we will withdraw immediately.

"From the very beginning we did not want to remain on soil that does not belong to us and to play a part in a politic that is not our own."

Tough budget to cut standards in South Africa

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Barend du Plessis, the South African Finance Minister, announced a clamp on public spending and a wide range of tax increases yesterday in a belt-tightening budget presented to a joint session of the three chambers of the tri-racial Parliament in Cape Town.

"A temporary decline in the average standard of living must be accepted as inevitable," he said.

Introduced against a background of a weak rand, low gold price and several years of heavy over-runs in Government spending, the budget is widely regarded here as the most crucial in a decade or more, in terms of its potential effect on the political fortunes of government.

A combination of continued economic recession and the Government's reforms of its race policies, mild to outsiders and domestic radicals but anathema to right wing whites, could produce a surge of support for the strongly pro-apartheid Conservative Party, while also fuelling black unrest.

Making his first budget speech since becoming Minister of Finance, Mr du Plessis proposed record expenditure of 30.89 million Rand (£14.040 million) which represents a 13.6 per cent increase on 1984 but only 11.4 per cent if account is taken of the fact that items previously financed outside the budget have now been included.

Mr du Plessis was thus able to claim that expenditure had been kept well below the rate of inflation, currently nudging 14 per cent. He said, however, that the existing tax base was only expected to generate revenue of 26.585 million Rand in 1985-86.

Measures to finance this include raising general sales tax (from March 25) from 10 per cent to 12 per cent and the surcharge on individual income tax from 5 per cent to 7 per cent.

There will also be sharp increases in customs and excise duties on imported cars and video cassette recorders.

The surcharge on the income tax of gold mining companies is to go up from 20 per cent to 25 per cent. A surcharge of 15 per cent is to be imposed on all other companies, and a 7.5 per cent levy is to be introduced on the gross income of all life assurance companies.

The biggest single increase in expenditure is in budgetary and development assistance to the tribal "homelands" and Namibia which will go up by 27 per cent.

Spending on education for all races is go up by 19 per cent to 5.044 million rand, compared with an increase of only 8.1 per cent to 4.274 million rand in defence spending.

Reagan campaign swings MX vote

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan has made remarkable headway towards getting congressional support for 21 extra MX missiles which he says are vital as a bargaining chip in the Geneva arms talks.

He personally will lobby Republicans on Capitol Hill today before the Senate casts the first critical vote this week.

However, he faces mounting congressional resistance to his request for $3.7 billion in research funds for his "Star Wars" Strategic Defence Initiative in the 1986 financial year. The amount could be cut by more than $1 billion, according to congressional sources. That would almost certainly delay discovery of the answer to the fundamental question behind the Star Wars research – is it possible to build a space-based, non-nuclear defence system against nuclear missiles? Even if Mr Reagan got full funding, it would take at least five years to find the answer.

On the MX issue, an Associated Press survey showed 41 senators broadly in favour and 41 broadly against, with the remaining 18 still undecided. The Vice-President, Mr George Bush, is standing by in case he needs to register a casting-vote.

Although the President stands a good chance of getting the extra 21 missiles – in addition to 21 already authorized – there is little likelihood that he will get all the 100 missiles he wants.

The Administration was delighted when Mr Les Aspin, the Democratic chairman of the House armed services committee, announced that he would support Mr Reagan's request for $1.5 billion for the second batch of 21 MX missiles. Congress froze the funds last year – before the prospect of arms talks with the Soviet Union became a serious possibility.

Mr Aspin's decision to back the President reflects Democratic fears that the party is being perceived nationally as "soft" on defence. The Democrats are particularly worried that they might be blamed for any failure in the Geneva talks.

The Republican-controlled Senate is expected to vote today on authorizing the 21 missiles, and again on Thursday on appropriating funds to build them. If both votes are positive, the Democrat-controlled House will hold two similar votes next week.

Police held over death of US drug agent

Mexico City (Reuter) – Seven people, including six policemen, have been charged in connection with the kidnap and murder of a US narcotics agent, Mr Enrique Camarena.

The beaten and bound bodies of Camerena and a Mexican pilot were found on March 6 about 100 miles from Guadalajara, where both were kidnapped a month before.

The Mexican attorney-general's office said that two of the policemen, Gerardo Torres and Victor Manuel Lopez, were charged with kidnap, homicide and illegal possession of firearms.

Death crash pilot 'reckless'

Madrid (Reuter) – Señor José Luis Patino, pilot of an Iberia Boeing 727 which crashed near Bilbao last month, killing 148 people, needed "more than a refresher course before being allowed to fly", says an airline inspectors' report.

The crash report says he had committed "serious irregularities, had a reckless style and ignored aviation rules". The aircraft was 1,000ft below its proper altitude when it crashed into a mountain-top TV mast.

Oil-for-jets deal planned

Paris (Reuter) – The Saudi deputy Defence Minister, Prince Abdul Rahman, began a visit to France in which he is expected to buy more than 40 Mirage-2000 combat planes for $23 million (£21 million) each.

French and Saudi officials will not comment, but Arab sources say terms being discussed include delivery of 77 million barrels of oil over three years in part payment.

Fraud charge

Delhi (Reuter) – Mr Amarjeet Singh, manager of the Punjab National Bank in London from 1980 to 1984, has been charged with defrauding the bank of $125 million (£115 million) in conspiracy with Mr Rajendra Sethia, the Indian-born businessman involved in Britain's biggest bankruptcy case.

Murder victim



Mr George Lloyd, aged 61, the British engineer from Stevenage who was stabbed to death in his Tel Aviv flat at the weekend. He was on contract to the state-owned Israel Aircraft Industries, and had a wife and two daughters in Britain.

Wrong turning

Hanover (Reuter) – An attempt to break out of East Germany by driving a lorry along a cross-border track at night failed when the driver took a wrong fork and hit the buffers inside East German territory. The number and fate of those in the lorry is unknown.

Journalist freed

Tegucigalpa (Reuter) – Honduran police have released Mr Peter Torbiornsson, a Swedish journalist, aged 43, his daughter Elena and a Spanish photographer detained as possible security threats during Saturday's visit by US Vice-President George Bush.

75 years wed

Gutersloh (AFP) – Anna and Auguste Temme have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. Anna, aged 94, and her husband, aged 95, have three children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Long swim

Bangkok (AP) – The US embassy in Laos has asked Vientiane to release an American volunteer teacher who unsuspectingly swam accross the Mekong Delta from Thailand to Laos to sunbathe

Turtle danger

Quito (AP) – Ecuador sent a Navy transport ship to fight a two-week-old fire raging out of control through the Galapagos Islands, and sweeping toward the home of the island's giant land turtles.

Soldier jailed

Essen (Reuter) – Private Mark Anthony Green, aged 22, of Somerset, was jailed for 10 years for the murder in December 1983 of a West German taxi driver.

Chilled wine

Vienna (Reuter) – The arctic snap that froze most of Europe this winter destroyed half of Austria's 1985 wine crop, threatening fast-growing exports of its dry white wines.

The Iran-Iraq conflict

Captain finds the Gulf too rough

The British captain of a supertanker hit by an Iranian missile in the Gulf vowed yesterday never to return to the Iraq-Iran war zone, and advised other merchant seamen to stay away.

Captain David McCaffrey, aged 54, of Meols, near Liverpool said from his hospital bed: "I've had enough, I'm bloody well going to retire now. I'm a congenital coward."

Capt McCaffrey is in the intensive care unit of Hammond Hospital in Doha, capital of qatar, with injuries to his left elbow, scalp and chest.

He was the most seriously injured of the crew when his Liberian-registered 236,807 tonne vessel Caribbean Breeze was attacked by an Iranian aircraft on Sunday morning.

Ten of the 34 crewmen were injured. Captain McCaffrey, who joined the merchant navy in 1946 and has been captain of the Caribbean Breeze since last July, expects to remain in hospital for about a month. The bone in his elbow has been shattered and the nerves damaged.



Captain McCaffrey: "I've had enough".

"We had been circled for some time by spotter planes, which is the normal thing in this area. But we had a feeling something was going to happen," he said.

"We were hit by a rocket of some kind. Nobody saw it. I must have been closest to where it hit," he added.

The captain, who has had a pin inserted in his damaged elbow, was hoping to speak by telephone later yesterday to his wife Shirley at home in Britain. The couple have a grown-up son and daughter.

● The sea has been Captain McCaffrey's life, his wife Shirley said yesterday from their home near Liverpool.

He has been a merchant seaman for 39 years, most of that time with Ocean Fleet, formerly the Blue Funnel Line, based in Liverpool.

"He was a seaman when we met and that's what he's always liked doing", she said. The Iraqi attack had been "a complete shock" because the Caribbean Breeze had plied a regular route between Kuwait and the Emirates port of Khorfakkan that was well south of the war zone and considered safe.

● Airlines which have cancelled flights to the area are: British Airways, Swissair, Alitalia, Air India, Austria Airlines, Lufthansa and Turkish Airlines.

Air France had last night not decided. Those running flights were Iran Air and Kuwait Air; and Egyptair had resumed services.

Escape king hurt in freedom leap

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Bruno Sulak, a former Legionnaire and one of France's most daring criminals, failed in his third prison break-out attempt yesterday. Sulak was best known for the series of armed raids he carried out two years ago on Cartiers, the famous jewellers, yielding booty worth £2 million.

He jumped from a second-floor window of the top-security Fleury-Mérogis Prison, outside Paris, after being surprised by prison guards as he hid in a cupboard with a "walkie-talkie".

Sulak, a slim, deceptively gentle-looking man aged 29, suffered multiple injuries after falling 26 feet on to the concrete floor of the prison courtyard. He was taken to hospital where he was said last night to be in a critical state.

Known as the "king of escape" after his two succesful prison escapes in 1980 and 1982, Sulak was foiled in his latest attempt when two Fleury-Mérogis guards, doing their rounds shortly after midnight, heard voices coming from the cupboard were Sulak was hidden.

Explosives were later found in his cell under the bars complete with a detonator and a slow fuse. Smoke bombs were also discovered.

Prison investigators are trying to find out how Sulak smuggled his escape equipment into the prison. They are also investigating how he came to have the keys with which he escaped from his cell. One of the prison deputy governors and a prison guard were being detained last night for questioning.

Dublin and Madrid clash

From Ian Murray, Brussels

After seven years of on-off negotiation, the EEC is locked into what should be the final session to agree enlargement and bring Spain and Portugal into the Community.

Foreign ministers from the 10 existing member states were called in last night to a crucial restricted session by the Italian presidency after a series of bilateral meetings aimed at discovering what concessions were possible on the outstanding dossiers covering fishing rights, agricultural products and social security arrangements.

The arguments were technical but aroused considerable passion. During the day, Señor Fernando Moran, the Spanish Foreign Minister, more than once gave vent to his impatience and frustration.

In a meeting with Mr Jim O'Keeffe, the Irish Foreign Minister, he accused Dublin of "unfriendly acts" in its hardline refusal to allow Spanish fishing boats into waters off the Irish coast. He spoke angrily of the incident late last year when the Irish Navy sank the Spanish trawler "Sonia".

President hails Canada as America's top ally

Quebec City (AP) – President Reagan, declaring he had established a "new partnership" with Canada, told Canadians yesterday that Americans see them as their top allies.

At the end of his two-day summit with Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Reagan tried his hand at French in this French-speaking capital. *Mes amis*, the eyes of all America are on Canada," he said.

Declaring that no other ally was as important to the United States as its northern neighbour, the President said: "We are proud to stand watch with you, and together we shall keep our people free, secure and at peace. Above all, we are friends, and friends we shall always be."

Mr Reagan, in a luncheon address praised the new partnership that he said had been forged in his talks with Mr Mulroney. "That new partnership begins with our being more mindful of our need for close cooperation and constant communication, each of us carefully respecting the other's interests and sovereignty."

The two leaders have disposed quickly of the primary sore point in their bilateral relations by appointing on Sunday two special envoys to study the problem of acid rain pollution.

Their second day of talks was devoted to East-West relations and Mr Mulroney's recent talks with the new Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

Mr Reagan said Mr Mulroney had told him about his talks with Mr Gorbachov and added: "If the Soviets are as ready as we are to take the other side's concerns into account, it should be possible to resolve problems and reduce tensions."

The President said he was ready to work with the Soviet Union for more constructive relations. He hoped the change of leadership in Moscow would open up new possibilities for doing this."

After the signing of accords in a fortified castle, President Reagan was to return to Washington to continue his all-out effort to win congressional approval for further building of the controversial MX missile, according to the White House spokesman.

Air raids on two capitals

War hits both sides in their homes

Baghdad, (Reuter) – Hundreds of anti-aircraft batteries in and around Baghdad, including one on a giant arch at the entrance to the Presidential compound, give the Iraqi capital the appearance of an invulnerable fortress.

People in Baghdad had long considered their city immune to Iranian attacks and thought bombings by pro-Iranian underground groups belonged to the past.

In little more than a week of growing violence in the 53-month-old Gulf war, all this has changed. "I have not seen morale this low in Baghdad since the war started," a long-time foreign resident said.

For the first time in two and a half years, residents awoke one morning last week to the sound of air raid sirens, stunned by news that Iranian planes had penetrated thick anti-aircraft fire to bomb a suburb of Baghdad, killing at least 10 people.



On the same day, Iranian troops swept into Iraq's southern al-Hawizah marshes and pushed Iraqi forces back to the Tigris river, 16 miles from the international border, during the next six days of fighting.

Last Thursday, a massive exposion ripped through four floors of a bank building. Two days later, another big bomb levelled a small building near President Saddam Husain's compound. A third bomb exploded in central Baghdad yesterday causing panic in the streets.

● **TEHRAN:** For the first time in the Gulf war, Tehran, too, is a target of attacks and residents are learning to live with air raid warnings, blackout and the thud of anti-aircraft fire.

Twice in the past week, Iraqi planes have raided residential areas, killing at least 10 people. On other occasions, Iraqi planes flew over Tehran, breaking the sound barrier, and Iran's entire airspace has now been declared a war zone by Iraq.

The authorities impose a complete blackout during air raid alerts simply by shutting off the city's electricity. Most anti-aircraft guns are in military compounds dotted around Tehran.

UN told Tehran may execute 2,000

By Edward Mortimer

Hundreds of political prisoners have been executed in Iran in the past few weeks, and the regime "intends to carry out another 2,000 executions" in Tehran's Evin Prison "in the coming weeks", according to the left-wing opposition leader, Mr Massoud Rajavi.

In a telegram sent yesterday to the UN Secretary General, Mr Rajavi claimed that so far this month more than 100 supporters of his movement, the People's Mujahidin Organization, had been executed in Evin Prison and at least 41 in other Iranian towns. He gave 23 names.

Observers in London regard this claim as credible because the Mujahidin were publicly blamed by President Ali Khamenei for the bomb which killed six members of the congregation at his sermon in Tehran University last Friday.

At a meeting with prison authorities on Sunday, Ayatollah Khomeini warned them against allowing any criminal to go free. This is seen as a rebuke to his probable successor, Ayatollah Hussain Ali Montazeri, who has recently advocated clemency for prisoners.

Polish peace movement gathers pace

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's fledgling peace movement, until now little more than a subject for cafe speculation, has this week taken wing with a church hunger strike to press for the release of a student conscript who refused to pledge loyalty to the Soviet Army.

The seven-day bread-and-water strike, launched on Sunday by 13 students at a church in Podkowa Lesna outside Warsaw, has gained the support of much of the Polish dissident community.

Such prominent Solidarity advisers as Professor Bronislaw Geremek and Mr Jacek Kuron, whose son Maciej is taking part in the fast, will deliver speeches every day of the strike and many Solidarity supporters are planning to travel the 15 miles to evening Mass to lend their support.

The immediate object is to secure the release of Mr Marek Adamkiewicz from the Baltic port of Szczecin, who was jailed for two and a half years last December for refusing to take the military service oath.

During his trial Mr Adamkiewicz declared that he was willing to perform his one-year military service, but took issue with the part of the oath which says that the "Polish Army stands on guard for peace in a brotherly alliance with the Soviet Army."

Speaking on behalf of the strikers, who include the parish priest, Leon Kantorski, and the aristocratic Konstanty Radziwill, Miss Barbara Nalak said: "This case is the first decisive action of using the refusal to take the oath for political repression. The contents of the oath cannot be accepted by the majority of Polish citizens."

Solidarity, in contrast to dissident and unofficial peace movements in East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, has been, and still is, deeply sceptical of those Western peace campaigners which favour unilateral disarmament. As emerged in a recent East-West peace conference in West Berlin, Polish human rights activists believe that there is an excessive concentration on driving American Pershing and cruise missiles out of Europe and not enough criticism of Soviet missiles or of abuses of civil rights.

But there have been signs that some Polish groups, notably students rather than workers, are trying to orgnise a limited peace campaign.

One group has drafted a letter to the Polish parliament, the Sejm, demanding that the constitution be amended to make it a duty for all Poles to serve and work for peace. This would, they believe, broaden the support for conscientious objection.

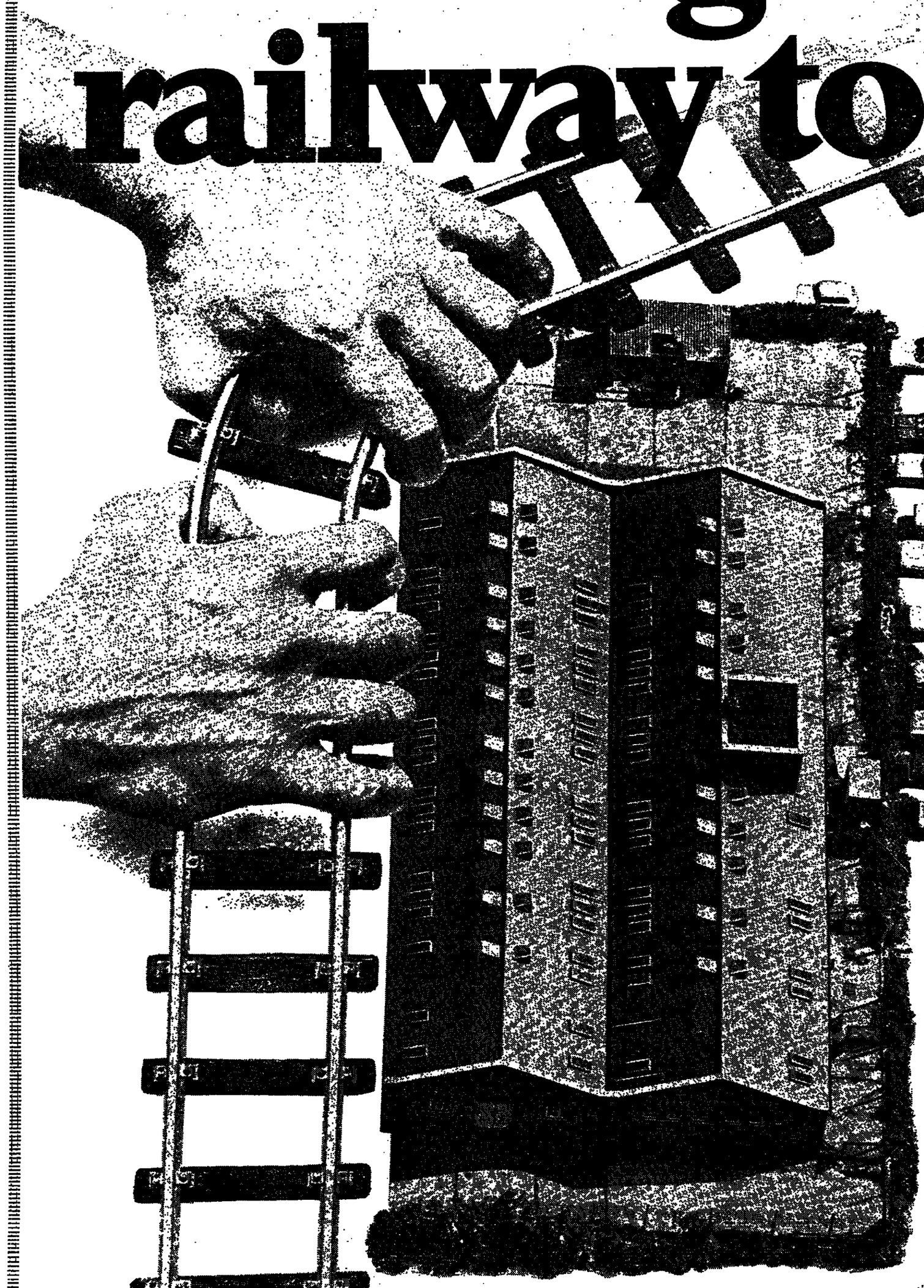
Another group has been trying to draw up a charter which would include pressing for restrictions on military education in schools. Their plan is to aim for realiable goals, such as changing targets used in shooting practice from human shapes to round.

The concept of a peace movement has support from a relatively broad spectrum of intellectuals including those Communist Party members (most of them expelled) who favoured building "horizontal" grassroots contacts between workers and students and including nationalist – orientated lay Roman Catholics who see it as a new way of shaping Polish identity and defining the limits of Soviet influence on everyday life.

The hunger strike in the pleasant spa of Podkowa Lesna will give the young movement a boost, but the issue of human rights will remain at the centre of the peace campaigning.

Dr Radziwill said: "Peace does not mean disarmament. At a moment when our rights are not respected . . . it is difficult to talk of true peace."

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Mitterrand's near defeat may mean new voting system in France

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The left managed to avoid a rout in the second round of the local cantonal elections on Sunday, but nevertheless suffered severe defeats in many areas, losing more than a quarter of its seats on the 95 county councils at departmental level.

The right wrested control from the left in 10 departmental councils including the Alpes de Haute Provence, where the left had been in power since the war, and Isère, where the president of the council was M Louis Mermaz, Socialist President of the National Assembly and as such the third most important person in the Government after President Mitterrand and the Prime Minister.

The Opposition now controls 69 of the 95 departmental councils in France, and the left only 26.

However, the left managed to cling to power in several of its bastions thought to be at risk, including the Nord and the Douches du Rhône, and actually succeeded in winning control from the right in two overseas departments – Guadeloupe and French Guyana.

The Socialists were further comforted by the slight increase in the combined vote of the left in the second round of voting, up one point in those cantons where a run-off ballot was held, and by the fact that all nine ministers who had been up for re-election managed to retain their seats, if only by the skin of their teeth in some cases.

For the Socialists, the main lessons from the two rounds of voting are that the headlong decline of the left since the summer of 1982 may have been stopped, and that the Socialists remain the largest single party.

With a continuing improvement in the economy, a good dose of proportional representation and a lot of luck, they could therefore still find themselves in some form of centre-left coalition government after the critical parliamentary elections in a year's time.

The Opposition naturally takes a very different view. It sees the results of the cantonal elections, with a 17-point gulf between right and left, as a further incontestable victory for the Opposition.

It is concerned that it does not have an overall majority without the support of the extreme right National Front, and is also worried about what President Mitterrand may have up his sleeve, not least what form of voting he will decide to introduce in order both to maximise the number of socialist seats in Parliament, and to split the Opposition by ensuring that the National Front is represented at national level for the first time.

It has been estimated that if the same distribution of voting in the first round of the cantonal elections was repeated in the parliamentary elections, the number of Socialist deputies would be cut from the present 293 to a mere 45 under the present system of two-ballot majority voting, while the Communists would see their numbers cut from 44 to 20.

If complete proportional representation was introduced, however, the Socialists would stand to win 121 of the present 491 parliamentary seats, the Communists 62, and the National Front, which has no seats at present, 42. M Mitterrand has already promised he will introduce some form of proportional representation.

The critical importance of proportional representation to the smaller parties can be seen from the National Front's fate in the cantonal elections. Although it obtained 8.7 per cent of the vote in the first round, it only managed to win one council seat.

Seats lost and gained in the two rounds of voting

	Seats up for re-election	Seats won	Net loss or gain
Socialist	579	424	−155
Communists	229	149	−80
Others left	127	117	−10
Ecologists	0	2	+2
Gaullist RPR	245	400	+155
Centre-right UDF	423	525	+102
National Front and other extreme right	1	2	+1
Others right	301	425	+124
	1,905	2,044	+139

These represent about half of the cantonal constituencies of France. They were last contested in 1979.

Aborigines hit by glue and petrol sniffing

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

More than 2,000 adolescent aborgines in central Australia are suffering irreversible brain damage caused by petrol and glue sniffing, a Senate inquiry in Melbourne was told yesterday.

A delegation from the National Aboriginal and Islander Health Organization told the inquiry into the abuse of volatile substances that the number permanently affected by petrol and glue abuse represented about one in 10 of the young aborginal population in the region.

Dr Trevor Cutter, a senior adviser to the organization, told the inquiry that in the Northern Territory the most effective way of dealing with drug abuse was the establishment of self-sufficient aboriginal communities.

He advocated the early introduction of lead-free petrol in rural areas as a way to reduce the harm caused by lead poisoning from petrol sniffing.

Mr Sean Houston, the organization's national coordinator, said that there were cases of chronic petrol sniffing among children as young as four.

"Certainly it is the younger generations which tend to turn to sniffing. The question of substance abuse, of teenage alcoholism, of drug dependancy and these types of things tend to be found in aboriginal people from their mid-teens onwards," Mr Houston said.



Roman freeze: Nearly four inches of snow covered parts of Rome yesterday after a rare March snowstorm disrupted traffic, knocked down trees, and forced the Pope to postpone a visit to the Abruzzo region.

Brazil in limbo as Neves makes a slow recovery

From Patrick Knight, Sao Paulo

There are contradictory reports about the recovery of the President-elect, Senhor Tancredo Neves, after his intestinal operation on Thursday night, which prevented him from assuming the presidency on Friday.

Senhor Neves's private doctors said on Sunday afternoon that he was suffering from a lung inflammation which could develop into pneumonia, and that antibiotics were being administered.

Since then, however, doctors have not been allowed to talk to the Press. Official spokesmen insist that good progress is being maintained and that Sunday's crisis has been overcome. However, Senhor Neves is receiving no visitors, no photographs have been permitted and he remains in intensive care.

The acting president, Vice-President Jose Sarney, read the speech prepared by Senhor Neves to ministers on Sunday and said that the new government would be one of extreme austerity.

The government would not be divided into those who spend and those who do not. There would be parsimony on all sides. Each ministry would have to evaluate the resources available to it and its associated nationalized companies and, in the light of this, programmes would be prepared by the planning ministry. Until this examination was complete, no ministry would spend anything.

Drastic measures designed to make an immediate impact would not be taken, as experience had shown they had no lasting effect.

Botha gloats over paper

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa has been unable to conceal its delight at the impending demise of the *Rand Daily Mail*, the crusading anti-apartheid newspaper regarded as the flagship of South Africa's liberal press.

Commenting on last Friday's announcement that the paper is to print its last issue on April 30 because of mounting financial losses, President Botha said he was "glad to see a new spirit of South Africanism taking control over South African journalism".

He saw "a new spirit of national unity" developing and implied that the closure of the *Rand Daily Mail*, one of the few sharply and combatively critical voices left in the South African press, would reinforce this trend.

After April 30, the main morning paper for English speakers in Johannesburg will be *The Citizen*, a right-wing, pro-Government publication.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Paraguay: Heriberto Alegre Ortiz

By Caroline Moorehead

Land disputes between peasants and large landowners continue to result in arrests and prolonged detentions, particularly in eastern Paraguay. A lawyer, Heriberto Alegre Ortiz, who works closely with two local Roman Catholic human rights organizations and has campaigned energetically on behalf of political prisoners, has been in custody since last September. All defence appeals for his release have been rejected.

Señor Alegre was arrested on September 7, while visiting a group of peasants held at the police station in the town of Puerto Presidente Stroessner. He was charged with inciting them to occupy land illegally.

An embargo was then placed on his property, a move more common in civil damage suits, but now resorted to by the authorities in cases involving people deemed to be opponents of the Government.

Señor Alegre must remain in custody pending the outcome of legal proceedings in four separate land tenure disputes.

The Roman Catholic Church in Panrana which has in the past consulted him about peasant land rights, has condemned the charges brought against him, describing them as of "dubious veracity".

Reports from the area suggest that the prosecution's case rests largely on statements made by the peasants under coercion.

Sweet gang starts its second year

From David Watts
Tokyo

A year ago gunmen kidnapped the president of a sweet company to begin perhaps the most mysterious series of crimes in modern Japanese history.

The kidnapping inaugurated a series of 18 extortion attempts which have indirectly bankrupted five small firms and cost large confectionery firms more than £25 million in lost sales.

The police appear to have no clues, even though they have 2,000 officers working full-time on the case.

The bizarre nature of what is known as the Glico-Morinaga case is enhanced by police secrecy and self-censorship by the leading daily newspapers and television stations.

Since Mr Katsuhisa Ezaki was whisked out of his bath by the gunmen and a ransom demanded of almost £4 million and 100kg of gold there have been repeated threats to poison the products of a number of food companies.

The gang, calling themselves "the monster with 21 faces," have gone unscathed, despite of some near squeaks.

Recently the gang said they had called off the campaign against Morinaga, raising speculation that the extortioners had been paid off. But as the anniversary approached, the gang announced they would stage a new incident before the summer.

One of the strongest theories is that the gang includes former policemen or that it has close connections with serving officers.

Suicide turns spotlight on right-wing terrorism

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

The suicide of a neo-Nazi in Frankfurt prison, within hours of his being sentenced to 14 years for bomb attacks on American soldiers, has drawn attention to right wing terrorism in West Germany – usually overshadowed by the left wing variety.

Walter Kexel, aged 23, hanged himself with his trouser belt in his single cell at the weekend. On Friday he and four other neo-Nazis had been sentenced for putting bombs under three US Army vehicles, seriously injuring two Army drivers. Kexel and one of the other defendants, Helge Blasche, were extradited from Britain last summer, having fled to London shortly after the attacks.

The trial and the suicide have indicated that terrorism, now slightly on the increase in West Germany after a lull, has varied ideological roots.

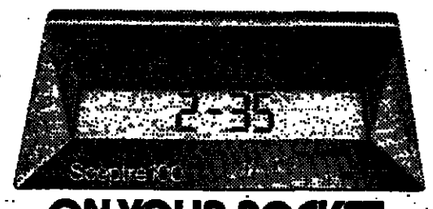
The annual report last year of the Office for the Protection of the Federal Constitution pointed out that many neo-Nazis no longer look to Hitler as their inspiration, but to two "radical" Nazis murdered by Hitler in the purge of 1934.

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THE ARTS

Galleries

Grotesque reversals of the established order

The Topsy-Turvy World
Goethe Institute

Daumier, Hugo et le théâtre
Institut Français

David Bomberg
Fischer Fine Art

Cross-Currents in Swiss Art
Serpentine

We tend to make heavy weather of the violence in the Neo-Expressionism of the German and Italian *Zeitgeist* painters: seventeenth-century Neapolitans would have taken it in their stride as the normal material of art. And the Age of Reason had its own ways of dealing comfortably with unreason in the arts, primarily through the now not much invoked but still very useful concept of the grotesque.

Of course, to have a clear idea of the extraordinary you have to have a clear idea of the ordinary, the possibility of referring to some accepted norm. The very idea at the base of the Goethe Institute's exhibition **The Topsy-Turvy World** (until April 27, then off to New York) immediately implies a sense of established order: it was only because all these makers of fantastic prints between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries knew (or believed they knew) very well which was the right way up for the world to be that they could extract such amusement and amazement from their imaginings of the world turned upside down. What would be the point, for instance, of depicting a wife with her husband across her knee, giving him a good birching, if you were not a hundred per cent sure that this was a laughable inversion of the natural order of things? Or of showing a cow in a butcher's apron preparing to slit a human carcase from stem to stern, unless you took it for granted that humans had all rights in such a matter and animals none?

Not all the images presented are simple reversals of this kind. There are landscapes which, turned on their side, become human faces; animals dressed as humans; faces and figures made, in the manner of Archimboldi, out of fruit and vegetables or the tools of the depicted person's trade; there are fantastic figures reflecting the wilder travellers' tales of men with heads below their shoulders or one eye in the middle of their forehead or just one central leg with one gigantic foot; there are – very important, this – the tricks and pranks and more shifty works of the Devil, under whose aegis, as Lord of Misrule, most of these manifestations may be placed. Many of the images have the charm of naivety, though some are very skilled: the humour is sometimes coarse, but still effective (one need only see *A Private Function* to observe how close scatalogical humour still is to the English heart), and the general effect of the show, for all its wayward fancies, is curiously reassuring: after all, if the Devil is still reliably in Hell, we may be sure that God's in His Heaven and all's right with the world.

It was no doubt with a strong sense of the norm of everyday life – or of what should be the norm – that Daumier embarked on his generally affectionate pictorial chronicles of theatrical extravagance in the pages of *Charivari* and elsewhere; he was certainly more indulgent to the foibles and follies of stage people than he was, say, to those of lawyers. Victor Hugo, on the other hand, can have had little sense of the ridiculous, or at least kept what he had firmly in check during his theatrical outings. The show at the Institut Français, **Daumier, Hugo et le théâtre** (until March 29), comes at the intersection point of their respective careers: Hugo providing the material for Romantic excess in the theatre (evidently taken quite seriously by some of the other *illustrators represented*), and Daumier consistently reducing it to proportion by revealing the grotesque exaggerations and inversions of any conceivable real-life norm which the theatre was then supposed to require in order to make its effect.

By the time we get to the First World War the grotesque has ceased to be a primarily comic way of looking at life: things are falling apart, and the topsy-turvy order of misrule has become in many contexts the new norm. **David Bomberg** was only one of a number of artists whose style and approach were importantly shaped by their experiences in the Great War. In his work of those years, represented in the show at Fischer Fine Art until April 12 by a variety of very fine chalk and wash drawings, one can sense both a rising, horrified sense of disorder and a tragic determination to impose formal order upon this unmanageable vision. The resultant feeling of dislocation is at the root of the twentieth-century grotesque: the world is out of joint, and the vision of the Vorticists, the Futurists and other groups of the 1900s to which Bomberg was related is not so much, as it was then widely regarded, that of irresponsible anarchists trying to tear everything down but rather that of agonized inheritors of tradition trying desperately to find a new law and a new order in their experience of a fragmented world.



The Topsy-Turvy World: lithograph by Karl Stauber to illustrate a Munich broadsheet of 1851-52 including the words "the tree-trunk saws up the wood-cutter"

Something of this feeling, this need, stayed with Bomberg throughout his life. His landscapes of Palestine in the Twenties seemed for a moment to find a more traditional (possibly escapist) means of resolving his battle with experience, but no one recognized it. His portraits and figure compositions of the Thirties, painted with a wilful awkwardness and arbitrary distortion, seem to be deliberately aiming towards dissolution: the grotesque seems to be more in the eye of the beholder than that (jaundiced) of the artist. But then, extraordinarily, the physical collapse of the world around in the Second World War, symbolized by the air-raids on London, is met with a series of magisterially calm, constructed charcoal drawings and paintings which are among the most potent works Bomberg ever produced, and afterwards the last Spanish landscapes, rich and free and glowingly coloured, appear to confirm his triumphant escape from his dark night of the soul. Picturesque Bomberg's work never was, but his progression through the grotesque to the sublime is exciting to watch and a rarely affirmative experience in the art of our own age.

Perhaps the only sane response, if you live and work in a land associated in the eyes of the world primarily with the cuckoo clock, is to develop a strong sense of incongruity. Certainly most of the five artists (actually six, but Peter Fischli and David Weiss are a hyphenate, like Gilbert and George) represented in **Cross-Currents in Swiss Art** at the Serpentine until April 8 show a particular, specialized appreciation of the grotesque. It comes out in different forms. Fischli-and-Weiss have in the recent past been working primarily in small figure compositions of unbaked clay, or making larger sculptures out of blocks of polystyrene brightly painted, most of them with a clear comical or satirical twist; indeed, that was what was expected for the London exhibition, and what is exclusively illustrated in the catalogue. However – disruption within disruption – what they have actually sent is a selection of large unfired clay pots, perfectly plain except for surrealistic, nonsensical or scatalogical inscriptions inside. In German, of course, which rather blunts the effect for Britain, but maybe another element in the game of dislocation.

Miriam Cahn and Martin Disler are also, in a sense, graffiti artists. She draws rows and groups of monochrome figures suggestive of child art on large sheets of paper which are then installed directly on the walls of the gallery. He paints great splashy abstractions in much the same way, and has turned the high cube of the gallery's first room into a riotous tangle of flaming reds. Then there is Markus Raetz, who doodles in wood across the landscape, and Jean-Frédéric Schnyder, who cycles round Switzerland painting on the spot innumerable little postcard-style landscapes, heavy on the kitsch and the incongruity, which he then assembles into groups which express some (presumably ironic) view of the life and man-made landscape around him. Strange, decidedly, and grotesque, and difficult to evaluate, what with the horrid proficiency of the paintings and the elusiveness of the total gesture.

I am asked to point out that the Henry Tonks painting *The Hat Shop*, which I referred to in connection with the Tonks show in Norwich, is in Birmingham City Art Gallery and not, as the exhibition catalogue has it, Manchester.

John Russell Taylor



Tempestuous lover of Italianate fervour: Fernando Bujones with Marianna Tcherkassky

Dance in America

Sheer magnificence

Romeo and Juliet
Miami Beach

Ballet companies, especially major companies, tend towards caution and make practically a cult out of unadventure. Thus, as the Joffrey Ballet had already premiered its John Cranko version of Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* this season, the field was clear for American Ballet Theatre to play Tweedledum to the Joffrey's Tweedledee and also emerge triumphant with a new – or, like the Joffrey's, only partially used – *Romeo and Juliet*.

As was the Stuttgart version imported by Joffrey, this Ballet Theatre production is by a British choreographer, Sir Kenneth MacMillan. The first fruit of his appointment as the company's Artistic Associate, it is a very faithful reproduction of Sir Kenneth's 1965 staging for the Royal Ballet.

The new production was first staged at Washington's Kennedy Center, only a few days after the Joffrey had there unveiled its Cranko acquisition. Catching the ballet in Miami Beach, including Fernando Bujones's outstanding début as Romeo, I was struck first by the sheer magnificence of the production – American ballet has seen nothing quite like it – and then how well it was performed by the various American casts. Ballet Theatre has clearly taken this British standard – one of the signature epics of the Royal Ballet repertory – and virtually flies it as its own.

When these new versions of *Romeo* – first by Joffrey, then by Ballet Theatre – are shown cheek by jowl at Lincoln Center later this year, it will perhaps be a better time for comparisons. At present, despite the dubious wisdom of having two American public companies lavishing money on such similar ventures, both have clearly come up with works calculated to please audiences and charm box-offices.

The MacMillan *Romeo* is a work of unusual scenic grandeur and dramatic intensity. In most respects it is this overall quality of spectacle that is more important than the ballet's actual choreography. When MacMillan first mounted the ballet he was clearly intent on emulating the spectacle of the Bolshoi version, and, to a large extent, he succeeded.

Much of the dramatic authority of the Russians is admittedly missed, but there again some of MacMillan's choreography, particularly in the love duets, has a grace and fluency, a sheer quality of visual imagination, that the Russian version lacked. Twenty years ago it served to extend the dramatic range of the British dancers – indeed this was, and still is, MacMillan's major contribution to the way the British dance. This same sense of character drama MacMillan and his assistants, notably Georgina Parkinson and Monica Parker, now seem to have instilled into Ballet Theatre.

The choreography is virtually identical with that of the Royal Ballet, but one interesting change is to have Mercutio lead the exhausting Mandolin Dance in the second act. At Covent Garden MacMillan has recently experimented with giving this dance, on occasion, to Benvolio. Awarding it to Mercutio, however, makes his role, simply in terms of solo dancing, longer and far more taxing than that of Romeo.

The Ballroom Scene still owes something to Leonid Lavrovsky's version for the Bolshoi, as well as to Cranko's, and the bustling street scenes, which again evidence a Cranko influence, are nevertheless set-pieces of massive authority. But the psychodramatic aspects of the characters have also been very carefully considered by MacMillan and the major roles, as a consequence, offer outstanding opportunities for the dance actor to blend the motivation of gesture and the expressiveness of music into remarkably coherent dance characterization.

The company can already provide four different casts as the lovers, including Mr Bujones and Marianna Tcherkassky, who was also making her début in Miami.

Mr Bujones dances the role as well as, if not better than, it has ever been danced, and the mature ardour of his acting (this is not a moonstruck, callow Romeo but a tempestuous lover) gives his portrayal an Italianate fervour. By comparison Miss Tcherkassky seemed rather a cautious, care-stressed Juliet, but their duets went with exceptional brio and passion.

Clive Barnes

Television

Naturally academic

In 1978 **Horizon** took six teenagers, three boys and three girls, all doing science at O-level, on a tour round Britain to show what science offered. *In Careering On*, on BBC2 last night, they returned to the six to match fledgling ambition to adult performance.

Four seemed to have done remarkably well. One of the boys had a Ph.D. in chemistry and is something of a research high-flyer, a second was on his way to a doctorate, also in chemistry, and the third, with an engineering degree, was enjoying himself in officer training in the Royal Navy. One of the girls had made significant progress in the mostly male world of engineering; another, after setbacks, was doggedly pursuing her ambition of a biology degree.

We saw most of the third girl, Kathy Lanigan. She had been keen to be a vet but had dropped out at A-levels. She had since had a varied career including computer programming and a spell as a kiss-o-gram girl. Now she is a driving instructor with a sideline as company secretary to a wind-surfing business.

It was she who did the interviewing, demonstrating in the course of it that, should driving instruction and wind-surfing not come up to expectation, she might well make a career as a television interviewer. Her approach to her more orthodox subjects was sceptical and, at times, irreverent. They tended on the whole to give as good as they got, obviously retained their enthusiasm for science, and exhibited a considerable amount of idealism.

The dialogues were natural and refreshing. It was not a programme from which a moral could be drawn though a five-to-one verdict in favour of academia could be said to be decisive. The five in favour seemed more satisfied with their prospects and, though Ms Lanigan thought she had learnt better than them how to get a job, she did concede that she would never be able to say that she was doing the best she could. Martin Freeth produced.

Dennis Hackett

Concerts

Vladimir Ashkenazy
Festival Hall

What is it that makes every concert Vladimir Ashkenazy gives before a live audience (in this case a distressingly noisy one) so special? There is the technique, of course, infallible despite his strangely hunched posture. Then there is that nervousness, betrayed by his facial expression, a tension that indicates adrenalin surging. But above all there is his refusal to assume anything. He responds instinctively to the moment, yet that response is always positive and intelligent, never merely whimsical.

He devoted the first half of this recital to Rachmaninov, beginning with that composer's last work for solo piano, the Variations on a theme of Corelli, Op 42. Ashkenazy was at pains to make this music not simply a sequence of decorations upon the "La Folia" ground but an organic whole that expands the expression already implicit in the original theme. His reading was a searching one whose poetic moments seemed timeless and whose more demonic passages were charged with a fervour that elevated them far above virtuosic superficiality.

Similar insights pervaded the six *Etudes-tableaux* from the same composer's Op 39, despite their relative brevity. For those who had come expecting the Scriabin originally promised for the second half there was a degree of compensation to be found here. In the lovely A minor piece (No 2) and the breathless passions of that in E flat minor (No 5) were to be found harmonies just as adventurous and intoxicating as any Scriabin ever wrote. This music was, after all, written in Russia.

Meanwhile the tempestuous C minor and F sharp minor works (Nos 1 and 3), the half diabolic, half mercurial E flat minor (No 5) and the relentless march of No 9 in D ensured that the exoticism would not become too stifling. And everything was also in the best possible taste for Chopin. Neither the sprawling F minor Ballade, nor the pair of Nocturnes, Op 48, nor even the popular C sharp minor Scherzo, sounded remotely hackneyed, a tribute both to pianist and, let us not forget, composer.

Stephen Pettitt

Cleveland Quartet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

When the Cleveland Quartet played all the Beethoven quartets at South Bank Summer Music some years ago part of the excitement derived from sensing that their invigorating interpretations were simply frozen moments along a continuously revealing voyage of discovery. Since then, the Americans have undergone two fundamental changes. The inspirational Martha Strongin Katz has been succeeded by Atar Arad in the viola chair, and the quartet now uses a set of Stradivari instruments once owned by Paganini.

The result is, I think, that their interpretations have become more settled, luxurious – and perhaps a shade less challenging. Most top quartets sport priceless carpentry of course, but there is a special homogeneous mellowness about four Strads in a row. Exploiting that unique asset now seems to play an important part in shaping the Cleveland approach.

In the first movement of Beethoven's Op 135 the pace seemed more leisurely – with time taken to colour and mould phrases – and the dynamic extremes less marked than before. The scherzo's disorientating modulations were certainly underlined emphatically, but even here the abiding memory was of timbre and texture. One wished that the first violinist, Douglas Weilerstein, had projected the Adagio's opening melody more assertively, but a democratic approach to balance has always been a Cleveland hallmark.

Weilerstein had earlier graced the melodies of Mendelssohn's A minor Quartet, Op 13, with many felicitous nuances. This thoughtful performance – emphasizing a thread of elegy running through the lyricism – had provided an unexpectedly apposite prelude to the unrelieved gloom of Shostakovich.

His Quartet No 8 was played with outstanding control and admirable intensity. The mood was set early, when Weilerstein produced a chilling, vibrato-less portamento for the weird chromatic descent that counterpoints the DSCH motif.

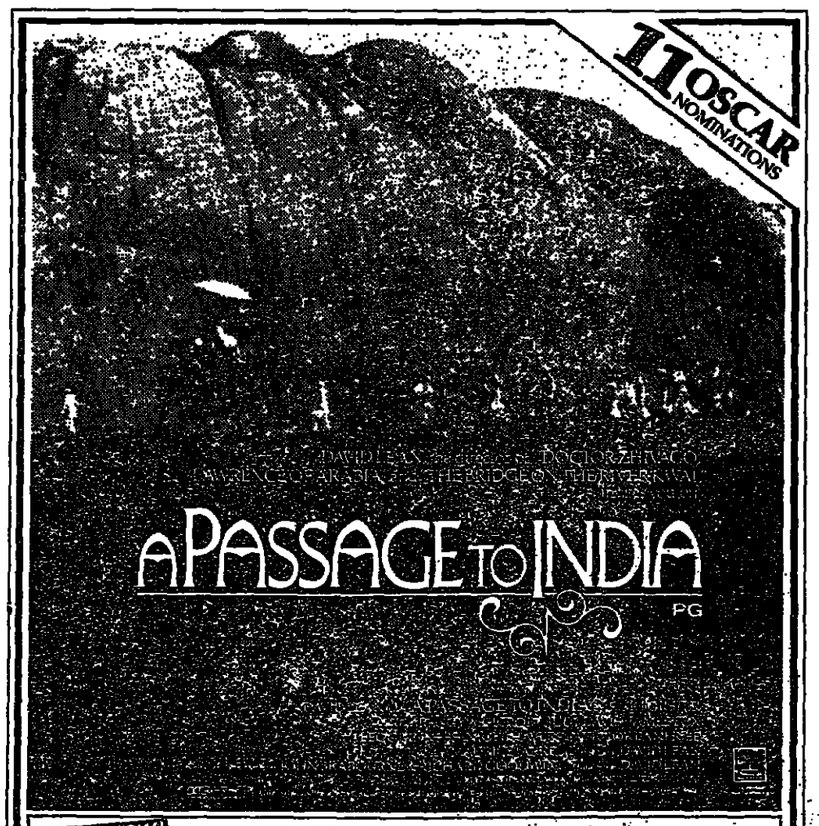
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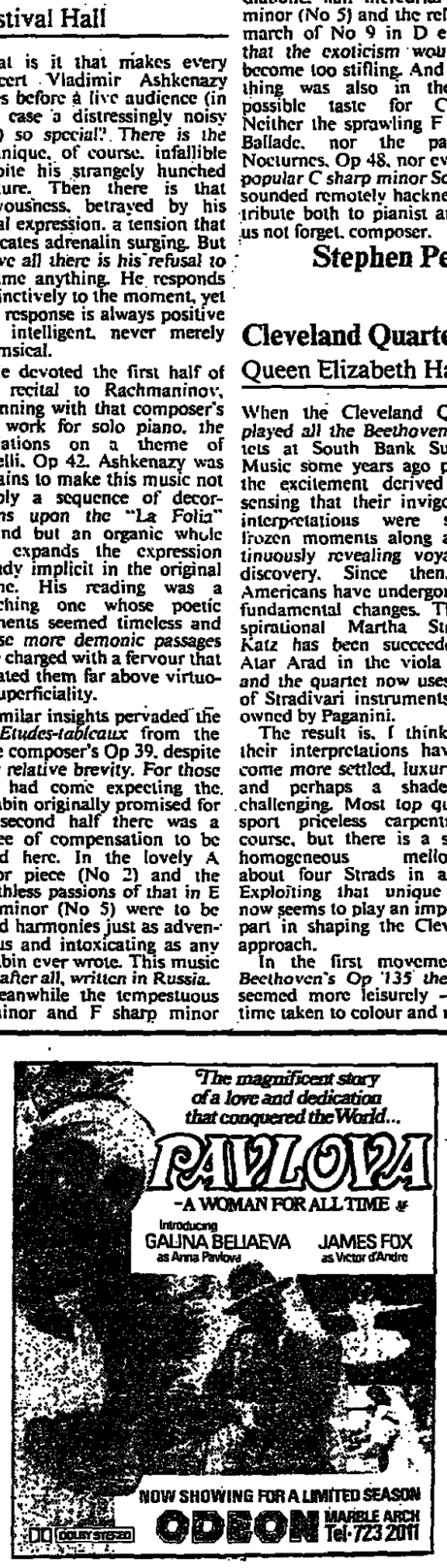
London débuts

The Maisie Lewis Young Artists Fund enabled the lutenist **Dorothy Linell** and the soprano **Clara Yip** to present a joint recital, accompanied by David Mason with customary distinction. Yip had a brave stab at Purcell's High-Church showpiece, *The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation*, which she characterized well (she revealed a contrasting, coquettish charm later in some Wolf songs). Her tone, small and a little changeable at the top but with a promising middle-register richness, suited five Fauré songs well, but in two of Britten's Hardy settings clearer enunciation would have conveyed more of the poetry's essential irony.

A collection of Dowland lute pieces seemed to tax Linell's technique past its limit, and her tone here was very uneven. An additional problem in a Vivaldi sonata was one manifestly out-of-tune string. But performances of Richard Stoker's Dance Movements and Alan Ridout's Suite revealed more of this young lutenist's finer qualities.

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Budget swings and roundabouts



ECONOMY AND TARGETS

World economic growth: previous official forecast for 1985, 4%.
Budget forecast . . .
Britain's output growth: previous official forecast for 1985, 3½%.
Budget forecast . . .
Inflation: 4.6% at end-1984. Previous official forecast for end-1985, 4½%.
Budget forecast . . .
Money supply: previous Government targets for 1985-86, £M3, +5–9%; MO, +3–7%.
£M3
MO
Budget targets:
Public borrowing: PSBR target for 1984-85, £7.2bn.
Outcome . . .
Cost of the miners' strike: previous official estimate for 1984-85 – £1.5bn.
Outcome . . .
Previous PSBR target for 1985-86, £7bn.
Budget target . . .

JOBS AND INDUSTRY

Corporation tax: 1985 rate cut to 45% in last Budget; capital allowances cut to 50%.
Budget adjustments
Ceiling for small companies rate of 30%, profits of £500,000
Budget changes
'Jobs package': employment schemes currently cover 650,000 people and cost £1.5bn.
Extra cost of changes . . .
Changes in YTS
Community Programme
Job Release Scheme
Other business changes

OTHER TAXES

Note changes affecting any of these:
Stamp duty
Oil taxation
Banks and financial services
Building societies
Pension funds
Dog licences
Gaming duties
Development Land Tax
Other

VAT

Rate: 15%. Turnover threshold now £18,700. 1985-86 inflation-adjusted equivalent, £19,600.
Actual threshold . . .
Zero-rated: food, children's clothes and shoes; public transport, water and sewerage, prescribed drugs, etc, books and newspapers, exports, new construction, many fuels including electricity.
Changes
Exempt: most postal services, most betting and gaming, banking and insurance, education and health services, burials, trade unions and professional bodies.
Changes

DRINK TOBACCO AND MOTORING

Beer: typical price, 75p a pint. Inflation implies tax increase of 1p.
Actual increase . . .
Spirits: typical price, £7.25 a bottle. Inflation implies tax increase of 25p.
Actual increase . . .
Cigarettes: typical price, £1.20 for 20. Inflation implies tax increase of 3½p.
Actual increase . . .
Petrol: typical price, £1.98 a gallon. Inflation implies tax increase of 4½p.
Actual increase . . .
Duty on cars: now £90, inflation implies increase of £4.27½.
Actual increase . . .

CAPITAL TAXES

Capital Gains Tax: 1984-85 threshold for individuals, £5,600. 1985-86 equivalent, £5,900. Rate 30%.
Budget changes
Capital Transfer Tax: 1984-85 threshold for lifetime (15%) and death (30%) rates, £64,000. 1985-86 equivalent, £67,000. Threshold for top lifetime (30%) and death (60%) rates, £285,000. 1985-86 equivalent, £299,000.
Budget changes:
Thresholds
Rates

INCOME TAX RELIEFS ETC.

Note changes affecting any of these:
Pension contributions/ lump sums
Mortgage reliefs
Exemption of social benefits
Fringe benefits
Health insurance
Business Expansion Scheme
Share schemes
Redundancy payments
Covenants/trusts
Other
Company cars: assumed benefit worth £275, £1,900 in 1985-86, plus £410, £825 for fuel. 1986-87 figures to be announced

INCOME TAX NATIONAL INSURANCE

Single person's income tax allowance: now £2,005; 1985-86 equivalent, £2,105.
Budget figure . . .
Married man's allowance: now £3,115; 1985-86 equivalent, £3,305.
Budget figure . . .
Higher rates: now 40% over £15,400; 60% over £38,100. 1985-86 equivalents, 40% over £16,200; 60% over £40,200.
Budget changes
National insurance rates for 1985-86: employees, 9%; employers 10.45% Threshold, £35.50 a week; ceiling, £265 a week.
Budget changes

To help you keep track of how the Chancellor is adjusting his economic policies and your tax bills, Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor, has compiled a guide to the Budget speech. Complete it and you will have your own instant summary

THE ECONOMY

The normal introduction to a Budget speech consists of a short tour of the world economy

Points to watch for this time: How does the Chancellor expect our export markets to grow? Last November, he was forecasting growth of 4 per cent in the other six big free-market economies – slower than in 1984, because although Europe is speeding up, the United States is slowing down. This implied Britain's manufactured goods markets would expand only 4½ per cent.

But what happens to British exports also depends on: What happens to the pound? The Treasury conventionally assumes little change in the exchange rate, but we will get a new official version of exchange rate policy from the Chancellor.

This helps answer the question: Is the Chancellor more or less cheerful about Britain's growth? Expect little change. Anything over 3½ per cent for this year would be optimistic. Don't expect any answer to: What's going to happen to unemployment? The Treasury does not publish its forecast.

It does however predict: What's going to happen to inflation? Here its forecast (only 4½ per cent last November) for the end of 1985 is bound to have risen, but not gone much over 5 per cent.

Generally, the Chancellor will give an upbeat picture of the economy: heading towards a fifth year of output growth, with investment rising faster than consumer spending.

The cornerstones of the Chancellor's strategy are his targets for money growth and public borrowing – on these and their credibility will depend financial market reaction (affecting building society decisions on mortgage rates the day after tomorrow). Existing money targets may be tightened, or more likely the Chancellor may trim spending or tax cuts to improve his chances of hitting his central target for public borrowing – last fixed at £7 bn for the coming year. Listen out for his estimates of the cost of the coal strike £3 bn in 1984-85? and its spillover into 1985-86.

JOBS, INDUSTRY

It's anyone's guess where his speech takes the Chancellor next. But the logical step is to get public spending out of the way. Expect a trailer for the new "jobs package" to be launched by Lord Young, and just a hint of the consequences of the Government's social security reviews, plus some idea of the impact of the coal strike on nationalized industries.

Points to listen for: How far is the Youth Training Scheme being expanded? Will young people who refuse a place have their supplementary benefit stopped? What is happening to the other employment schemes?

How much more money is the coal industry being allowed to borrow? What is the overall effect on public programmes (existing planning total for 1985-86, £132.1 bn)?

How much extra is the Chancellor allowing for debt payments after the rise in interest rates? What does this do to overall expenditure (existing total, £154 bn)?

Changes in company taxation taking place this year were preannounced in Mr Lawson's first Budget. But listen to spot if he slows down the rate of change in corporation tax, allowing bigger allowances for capital expenditure, as industry has been urging. Listen out, too for changes in employers' national insurance, designed to stimulate new employment; and for changes in the schemes for small businesses (see also under income tax reliefs).

OTHER TAXES

This may be where the Chancellor sweeps through the odd corners of the tax system, before reaching the main income and spending tax changes. Candidates for attention include: Stamp duty. This was halved last year to 1 per cent on shares and property purchases. Abolition looks too expensive, but the Chancellor may halve it, or exempt share deals, or simply raise the threshold (at present £30,000).

The oil companies have been lobbying for an easier Petroleum Revenue Tax regime. But tax bills have been eased by last week's abolition of the government's system for fixing oil prices.

Banks and financial services are jumpy about an extension of VAT (which would be tricky under EEC rules) or some new form of tax on this sector of the economy.

Building Societies are expecting a change in their tax system which would give the Chancellor a once-for-all gain. The biggest are not worried.

Pension funds are anxious about change in their tax status, of which the most likely is a tax on fund income (see also under income tax reliefs).

Dog licences cost more to collect than they yield, so their abolition would be a cheap gesture.

Betting taxes are always fair game for Chancellor: each of the last four Budgets has tinkered somewhere.

Development Land Tax was introduced by the Labour Government, and the Conservatives have been lowering it gradually. Last year the threshold was raised from £60,000 to £75,000.

VALUE ADDED TAX

Now we are getting to the big stuff. Rumours have been rife of changes in VAT.

The main points to watch for are: Is Mr Lawson extending the net (at present only just over half of consumer spending is covered)?

Is he altering the system of exemption and zero-rating (at present zero-rates suppliers can reclaim tax on their inputs, but exempt suppliers cannot, so a backdoor route to higher revenue would be to switch the former to the latter category)?

Sweeping change could in theory yield up to an extra £7bn a year. However food, the major zero-rated category, is protected by a prime ministerial promise. New housing construction is similarly protected. Extensions to cover children's clothes or shoes would be highly unpopular. Complete coverage of books and newspapers would also cause a row.

So possibilities to watch for include: VAT on non-residential construction; some financial services; newspaper advertisements; luxury foods; and, most intriguing suggestion of all, some extension to cover fuel bills other than petrol to help pay for the miners' strike.

DRINK, TOBACCO

Because these "excise duties" are based on volume, not value, the Chancellor has to raise them in each Budget to stop them falling behind inflation. The table shows the increases which would exactly match last year's 4.6 per cent general rise in prices. The Chancellor is lumbered with pushing the price of a gallon of petrol over £2. But listen out for changes above or below inflation either for health reasons (on tobacco) or to satisfy the EEC (more on beer than wine); also for relative changes in the burden of vehicle excise duty and petrol tax.

INCOME TAX RELIEFS

Some important changes in this area. For instance, with pensions it will be a surprise if the Chancellor reduces relief on contributions, but the gradual abolition of tax exemption for "lump sum" pensions has been widely canvassed.

Mortgage tax relief is protected by the Prime Minister's enthusiasm for it. Listen carefully, however, for the possible abolition of higher-rate relief, or more likely, for a frozen ceiling of £30,000 (which amounts to a cut in real terms).

The Treasury would like to bring more social benefits into tax. However, decisions will have to wait on the Government's social security reviews.

Fringe benefits are always an area where the taxman is pursuing the latest employer's device for avoiding income tax. However, private health insurance might actually be granted more favourable status. New company car scales have to be announced.

Listen out carefully for changes to income tax incentives to purchase shares, particularly in the company you work for. However, the Business Expansion Scheme (providing tax relief for investment in small risk-taking companies) has spawned a new collection of abuses, which the Chancellor is expected to stop up.

Redundancy payments are tax-free up to £25,000, fully taxed over £75,000.

Covenant schemes cost the Inland Revenue a lot in lost revenue.

Life assurance – there is one small loophole in last year's abolition of relief.

Some national savings changes are predicted.

CAPITAL TAXES

The Chancellor put down a marker last year for the reform of capital taxes, in particular capital gains tax. It would cost £1bn to abolish CGT altogether, and also create an undesirable bias in the tax system, encouraging people to disguise income as capital gain. Listen out for more modest changes, such as:

- Exemption for long-term gains;
- Extension of the existing allowance for inflation (or "paper gains");
- A large increase in the threshold (see table);
- Switching to a disposals basis of taxation;
- Tightening up on existing exemptions.

(Note that in advance of the Budget, the Chancellor has already tackled one scheme, known as bond-washing, designed to turn income into capital and thus take advantage of the threshold for CGT).

Capital Transfer Tax, which replaced the old estate duty, has also been a target of Mr Lawson's backbenchers. A point to listen out for is the treatment of historic houses and works of art, where the Chancellor has been under pressure to give greater relief from CTT. Relief for small family businesses has also been expected. On the other hand, there is a loophole to plug: the "discounted gift scheme".

INCOME TAX AND NATIONAL INSURANCE

Traditionally, the Chancellor leaves the income goodies until last. The table shows the increases in basic allowances necessary to match last year's inflation, as required under the 1977 Finance Act; since 1980, the higher-rate bands have also been formally "indexed" to allow for inflation. Expect bigger increases in allowances.

Points to watch for: Are all allowances being increased by the same amount? Last year the "age allowances" (presently £2,490 for a single person over 65, £3,955 for a married couple) were increased by less than the basic allowances.

This year, a possible change would be for the Chancellor to increase the married man's allowance, and possibly the single allowance too, by more than the married woman's earned-income allowance.

The cost of raising allowances is considerable. A 10 per cent increase in all – including the thresholds for higher-rate bands – is £2,150m. However, half the cost of this, raising allowances by nearly 5 per cent, is already allowed for in the Chancellor's sums before his estimate of scope for tax cuts.

There is no need for the Chancellor to make any changes in national insurance, since the rates were newly calculated last autumn, as usual. However, changes in both employers' contributions (see under industry) and employees' are likely. National insurance bears particularly heavily on the low-paid. Listen out for changes in threshold, because this is lower than for income tax – and it also operates much more harshly, because once it is crossed, national insurance contributions have to be paid on all income earned, not just the slice above the threshold.

THE FINAL SUMS

During the Chancellor's peroration there is usually time to do the sums. Do not include changes which merely compensate for inflation, on either the income tax side or on excise duties. The sum of the rest gives the figure to match against the Chancellor's autumn forecast that he would have about £1.5bn to "give away" in tax. If you want to do some alternative sums yourself, here are a few figures. Mr Lawson could have cut income tax 1p for £1,125m. He could have cut VAT one percentage point for £840m. He could have taken one point off corporation tax for £265m. Or he could have cut national insurance contributions one percentage point for £1,200bn (employees) or £800m (employers – less because of the benefit to public sector employers). Happy budgeting.

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Eye in the sky looks forward to success

Neville Duke, once the fastest man on earth and the first pilot to break the sound barrier, now relishes being one of the slowest men on wings. He is consultant test pilot for the Edgley Optica, a centaur among aircraft, having the head of a helicopter and the tail of a monoplane, which can nudge comfortably into a stiff wind at the speed of a bicycle.

"Great fun to fly and very useful to anyone who wants to observe anything", was the Duke judgement as we hung suspended in a strong north-westerly above the spire of Salisbury Cathedral, watching the ground below through the Optica's panoramic windscreen. It also happens to be filling one of the few profitable holes remaining in the aviation market.

Duke eased on the power and dipped the Optica's non-existent nose into a steep turn, pivoting the aircraft on one wingtip in a "loitering" 70 yard circle. It can keep that up for 8½ hours if the pilot has the patience, stamina and need and is the Optica's way of simulating a rotor wing hover. It will not, of course, land or take off vertically, but virtually all other comparisons with a helicopter are on the credit side. Edgley claim the Optica's range and endurance are at least double that of the average single turbine helicopter. Fuel consumption is one fifth and servicing costs a quarter that of the rotor winged competition. Capital cost and depreciation are also far less.

The aircraft is the brainchild of John Edgley, now chairman of the company.

"I decided I wanted to set up a general aviation factory, looked round for a gap in the market and found one", he says. American research had shown that 8,000 aircraft were used worldwide for observing the ground from the air for many different purposes. The market is developing rapidly for patrols along pipelines, borders and coasts, over traffic, forests, game parks and on search missions, narcotics and surveillance work, aerial filming and simple sightseeing.

The Optica was designed as a specialist machine and at £139,000 has a 25 per cent premium on other three seat single-engined aircraft of the same power. But as Duke demonstrated, in a whirl of Wiltshire countryside, other conventional planes cannot match the Optica's combination as an observation platform with a quiet, rear mounted engine and a vibration-free flight.

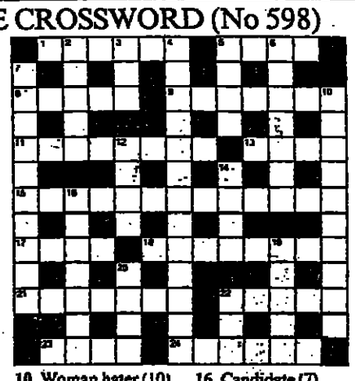
My own test flight on a day of blustery winds and rain squalls proved the Optica to be a delight to handle, although viewing the world through a goldfish bowl without the normal restrictions of cowling and cockpit were disconcerting at first. From point to point it will behave like any other aircraft. But when the Optic "loiters" it does so at speeds that would cause any other fixed wing aircraft to fall out of the sky. If Big Brother ever does begin watching us he will watch most economically from an Optica.

Ronald Faux



Fun to fly: The Optica, more than an aircraft

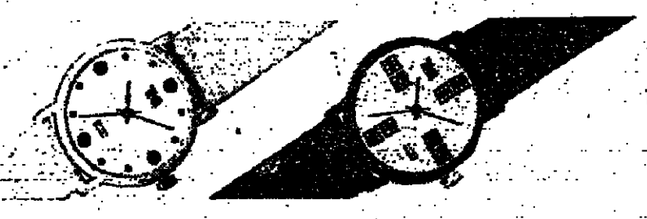
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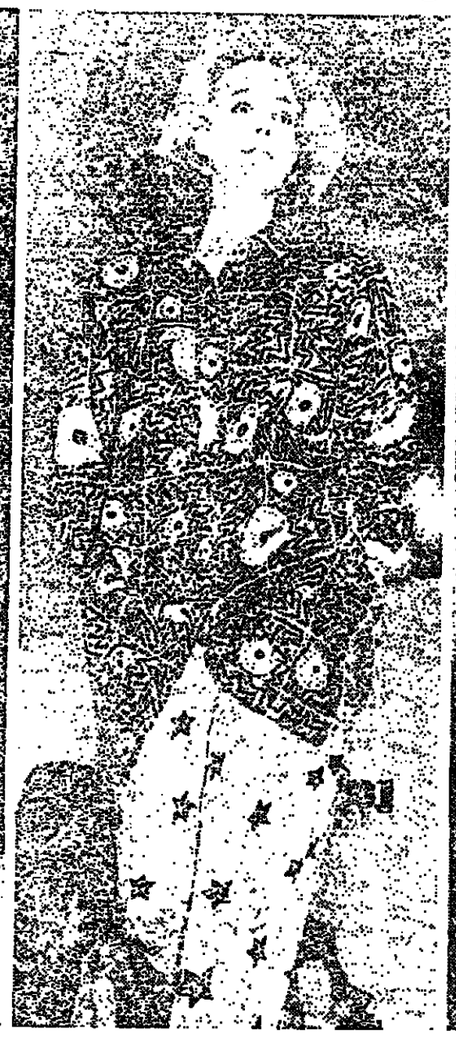
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THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIONS

LONDON

Tonight, Princess Diana faces a delicate fashion decision. She has to dress for the reception that rounds off British Designer Week and thus pick out one of her dozen designers for the ultimate seal of royal approval.

The big name London designers will all be greeting their most famous client, knowing that they are currently working on the wardrobe which the Princess of Wales will take with her next month to Italy.

Italy expects the thoroughbred British style – elegant, youthful and romantic – for which Princess Diana is known and which has helped to put London back on the international fashion circuit. All the "royal" designers have now shown their mostly vintage collections, with a strong return to tailoring and the accent on colour. They also have a gentle way with evening glamour that Murray Arbeid sums up wittily as "upper-crust *Dynasty*". He showed yesterday curvaceous evening dresses in delicious fabrics, mixing blushing pink taffeta ruched into the shape of a rose with slinky midnight black velvet.

But there is another side to London fashion, which we will never see on the Princess of Wales (at least not in public) but which is the real reason that buyers and press are physically clawing their way into the fashion shows.

On Sunday, the crowds turned out for the witty and inventive Joseph Tricot show which expressed the exuberance of young London. The clothes were shown on both sexes and in movement, with the models stripping off, tying up and wrapping round the knits on the catwalk. Fresh pastels and sharp black and white were mixed with tapestry knits, for designers are expressing their creative energies in yarn as well as cloth.

The ground and third floors of the British Designer Show at Olympia 2 vibrate with youthful energy. Sizzling mixes of colour and pattern, rich fabrics and, above all, imaginative prints sing out from the stands. The London print story has become really serious international news.

These prints have a flavour of the 1970s, especially in the fascination with the occult of Sue Clowes's devil print and Hilde Smith's tarot designs for Body Map. Also culled from the hippies are the satins and velvets, languorous interior fabrics made into sporty shapes, based on a loose flowing duster coat or big shirt.

Otherwise, oversize is out for the young designers who are returning to structure, and sometimes turning that inside out, or, in the case of John Galliano, upside down. His coats and jackets that can be worn either way up give a new meaning to the reversible coat.

The fitted body shapes are significant because they were taken up by Katharine Hamnett, the inventive mother of crumpled cotton shrouds, and who now makes short tight skirts and curvy jackets. All the young designers are turning to stretch and cling and also to winter outerwear shaped and cut on the curve. This theme was followed through among both the established designers and the freshers.

Tailoring is woven through the different and disparate elements of London fashion and has added extra dash to an exciting week.

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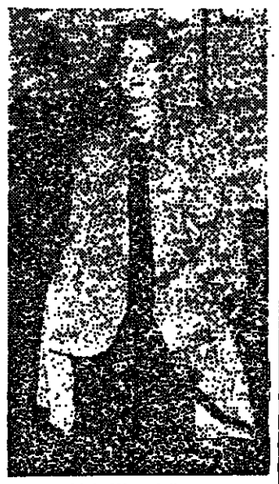
Jean Muir has got street wise. The British designer who has done most to help and instruct fashion students, is now reaping her reward.

Interesting prints, elongated knits and a preponderance of trousers have all given a new direction.

The cut is the key to the traditional Jean Muir dresses. The same precise perfection is used for a waterfall-front jacket in wool crepe, for her tweeds and the easy kimono coat. It was knitwear that loosened up Jean Muir dressing.

The print was another strength, especially a pair of harlequin legs dancing in chalk white on black crepe. The designer who made her name with navy blue jersey is not quite so sure with colour. But there was a fragmented feel to this show that was so very good in most of its parts.

Zandra Rhodes has re-discovered India and her best form. In a theatrical but controlled show, she put her famous prints on simple silk shirts, slimmed down her dresses to a slither of cobalt blue jersey touched with velvet at the collar and produced exquisite embroideries in the best of taste.



Muir: Waterfall coat

Both Zandra and India are about colour, yet the heart of this show was in white: a slimline chiffon cocktail dress, ruched at the front with a delicate print and the palest pink bead embroidery. The most stunning print is the peacock, a theme of the show and one which underlines Zandra Rhodes's skill as a textile designer.

FASHFLASH

● At Hyper Hyper the young innovators mixed 1960s and 1970s retro with dandyish frock coats and threw in some contemporary design ideas.

Woven Aztec-patterned Indian cotton coats and tailored trousers by Chimel were fresh. A determined move to tailoring brought controlled sharp shapes from Susan Backhouse; Bazooka worked in witty ways with schoolboy stripes.

Rachel Auburn mixed wacky layers of print and texture for smock tops and dressed her male model in bra straps and trousers with cutaway-backs. Some designers went overboard for the garish and decadent, sending out glamour girls in black lycra ruffled minis, velvet bustier dresses and shot silk bustles.

● Michiko Koshino gave a sparky show, full of bright colours, new looking melton jackets and parkas, original speckle and swirl prints and brocade and jacquard suitings. Her tailcoats and tapered trousers for evening in wetsuit fabric were an unexpected twist.

● Body-clinging hipster trousers and skinny tunic tops printed with funny tattoos were part of a commercial collection by Barbara de Vries. English Eccentrics showed "frozen" rubbery finishes on voluminous macs and prints on an Arctic theme for silk and organza.

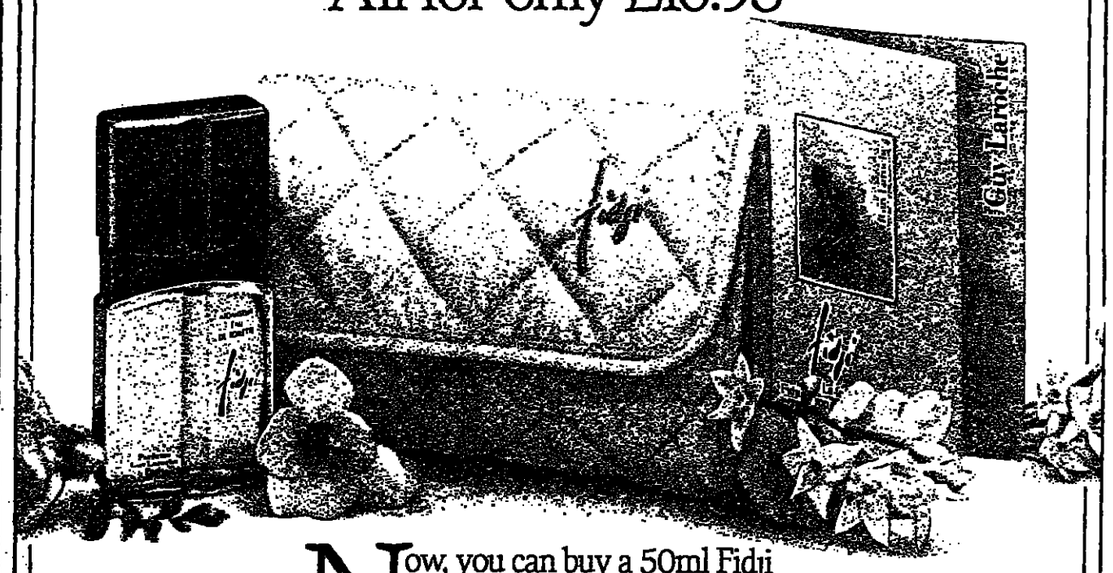
● Janice Wainwright designed on the curve and showed a pretty and sophisticated collection of easy evening wear. Inserts of bronze and silver sequins on chiffon gave a design bite to black crepe. She handles the ubiquitous velvets with style and perfect finish, especially striking in scarlet and black panne velvet splashed with dramatic flowers.

Christine Painell



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THE TIMES DIARY

Edwina's Amour

The name of the mystery man who became the "established lover" of Edwina Mountbatten, during the war years, identified only as "A" in *The Sunday Times* serialization of the Mountbatten biography, has been disclosed to the Diary. He was Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Phillips – better known as "Bunny Phillips". The Stowe-educated Phillips, who served in the Coldstream Guards during the war, died in 1980. Intriguingly, he went on to marry Georgina Wernher, the daughter of Lady Zia Wernher, who was the sister-in-law of Mountbatten's brother George, Marquess of Milford Haven. "Bunny" had four daughters from the marriage, two of whom are the present Duchesses of Abercorn and Westminster. The marriage ended Edwina's affair, prompting a saintly letter from Mountbatten to Edwina expressing his sympathy: "You have however still got the love and affection of two chaps – A and me – and the support of all your many friends." Journalist Alastair Forbes was planning to unmask "A" in his review of Philip Ziegler's Mountbatten biography in next week's *Time and Tide*, but alas it can no longer carry an exclusive tag.

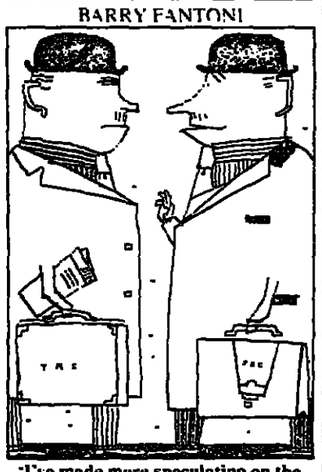
● **The humanist monthly *The Freethinker* is gloating over a misprint in the latest Downside Year Book, announcing "Sundays. 9.25 pm – Vespers, followed by Benedictine". Regrettably, the monks' only nightcap is Benediction.**

Royal tears

A bizarre meeting between Prince and Princess Michael of Kent and the Duchess of Windsor as she lay ailing in her Paris hospital bed is revealed in the first biography of the Kents, out from Hutchinson next month. The meeting, which left the couple in tears, happened at the princess's request just days before they returned to London after honeymooning in India and Iran.

According to author Audrey Whiting, the princess was intrigued by the love story of the Windsors, and always longed to meet the duchess. Prince Michael duly introduced her to the duchess's physician, Dr Jean Thin. "Impressed by Marie-Christine's charm and sincerity, and never having been approached with such a request from any other member of the royal family", Dr Thin allowed the newlyweds to glimpse the widow "then in her eighties and tenuously holding on to life". The door of the Duchess of Windsor's private suite was gently opened so that the Kents could look across the room and see the silent, sleeping figure. The couple were in tears as the door closed behind them. Yesterday Kensington Palace refused to comment on the visit.

BARRY FANTONI



"I've made more speculating on the outcome of the Budget than I expect to make in tax benefits'

Speak, Lords

The Bishop of Durham plans to make his maiden speech in the Lords next Monday. He will speak during a debate on training and education for new technology. Despite the subject, and given his recent track record, it is hard to see the bishop abiding by the convention that first speeches must not be controversial. Especially as, in his own words, he would not "fight to preserve" the Lords anyway.

Tail-dive

Does the bitterness persist between Mrs Thatcher and Neil Kinnock over their Ponting correspondence? I am told Mrs Thatcher broke with convention by not talking to Kinnock – or any of the opposition leaders – during last week's flight to Moscow for Chernenko's funeral. She stayed firmly in her cabin there and back.

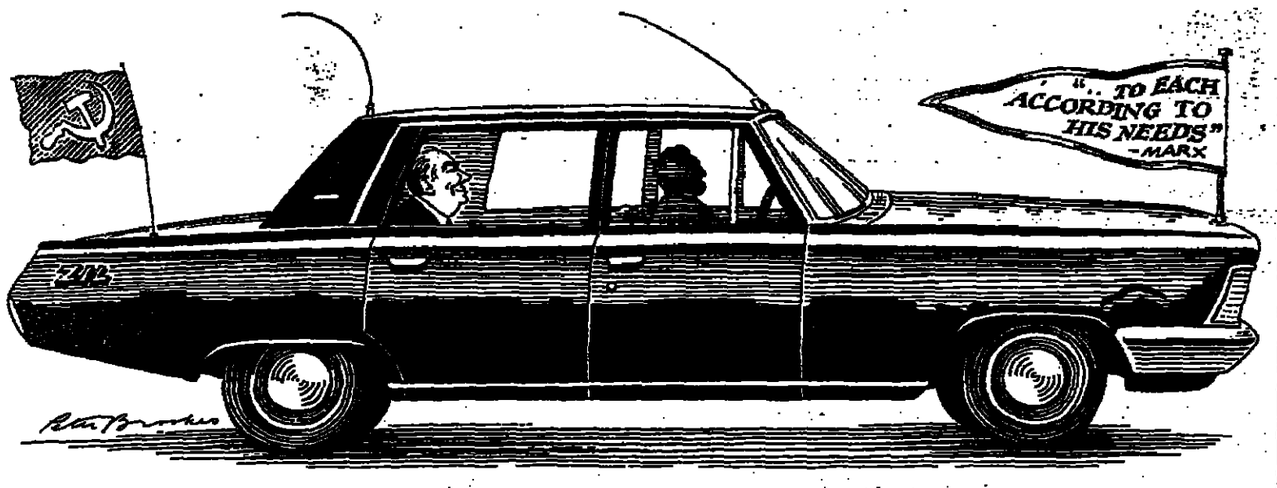
Out of puff

The Freedom Organization for the Right to Enjoy Smoking Tobacco, which released its pro-smoking Harris poll yesterday, does not have the best advertisement in its director, Stephen Eyres, a non-smoker, has declared his office a no-smoking zone. The only fumes he can stick are from mild Havanas.

Unsound

I don't give much for Burnley's chances come the holocaust. Two nuclear alert alarms went off accidentally at the town's police station last week. Nothing happened. The chief executive of the council, alias the emergency controller, recently had double glazing installed in his office and heard nothing at all.

PHS



What does Gorbachov believe in?

Anthony Quinton on why we must understand the Soviet mind in order to avoid the totalitarian path

What system of beliefs about the right ordering of human affairs do the leaders of Soviet communism embrace themselves? What do they rely on to guide them in the choice of policies? It seems quite evident that it is not the official Marxist-Leninist doctrine, that elaborate combination of dialectical and historical materialism, of the labour theory of value and the theory of the inevitable revolutionary destruction of capitalism by the international working class.

Within the Soviet Union this scriptural conglomeration appears to have a purely liturgical significance. Since Stalin, no Soviet leader has even pretended to add to it or to modify it in the light of changed circumstances. What is more, since Plekhanov, who died in 1918, and Lenin, the only Russian, who has made any perceptible contribution whatever to the body of Marxist thought is Trotsky.

The old Russian religion was more notable for ignorant devotion of a broadly mystical kind than for the theological vitality and initiative characteristic of western Christianity. This aspect of long-suffering passivity has survived the revolution.

During the war Stalin rallied the Russian people, staggering in disarray and bewilderment under the violence of the German invasion, by appealing to the simplest and most elemental of public emotions: patriotic devotion to the fatherland. But that did not persist as a prominent feature of official doctrine after the passing of the emergency that had dictated recourse to it. Soviet totalitarianism has always been expansionist. The doctrine of socialism in-one country was only a tactical expedient, a formula for the temporary ordering of priorities.

It is reasonable to suppose that the generally conformist and obedient mass of the Soviet citizenry is kept in that condition by a measure of positive enthusiasm for the regime, as well as by fear and simple passivity. That enthusiasm must rest on patriotic sentiment, the conviction that under the existing regime the Russian people have made great achievements - in industrial modernization, in successful defence of the country against the best army in the world, and in the acquisition and preservation of unquestionable status as a super-power - however costly these achievements have been in suffering and death.

But that cannot account for the unyielding totalitarian rigour of the rulers of the Soviet Union without the addition of a further assumption. That, I would suggest, is the one element of the officially proclaimed ideology of the regime that is most closely associated with Lenin and is most starkly incompatible with the corpus of beliefs expounded by Marx: the doctrine of the elite party as revolutionary vanguard.

It is because of that assumption that Marxism-Leninism, the ideology of the totalitarian Soviet Union, comes close, as Marxism in its original form did not, to the ideology of fascism. It is, perhaps, the one element of the official belief-system that is still wholeheartedly believed in by the ruling elite of the Soviet Union and still directly determines their selection of policies.

There is more to it than the simple desire of a random collection of people who happen to have acquired an unprecedented amount of power to hang on to it. At the lower levels of the system, among the run-of-the-mill spies, censors, torturers and administrative functionaries, the material rewards of power – the dachas, limousines and special shops full of luxury goods – secure commitment to the status quo. At the higher levels it is the power itself that is desired and enjoyed and that desire and enjoyment are fed by the conviction that only a specially qualified and supremely dedicated order of initiates is fit to exercise power effectively.

But although Marxism proper has sunk into an other-wordly, more or less incantatory status in the nations which officially profess it as their orthodox creed, it still exercises a powerful magnetism outside the communist world. Like Danish blue cheese it is primarily an export commodity. It appeals to a number of distinct constituencies. The most palpable is that part of the intelligentsia of the liberal-democratic West which has converted the hostility to bourgeois culture – its taste, its morality, its style of life – into an endorsement of Marx's rejection of the entire economic and political order of bourgeois society, that is to say of capitalism and its standard political associate, liberal democracy.

In many cases it is adopted simply as fashionable ideological attire, radical chic in other words. In some cases, though, it leads to subversion which, in the advanced countries, takes two reasonably distinguishable forms. In the first of them adherents of totalitarian ideology penetrate legitimate public organizations. In the second illegal activity, espionage and terrorism, is carried on in direct pursuit of the advantage of the totalitarian power.

The two modes of subversion tend to shade into one another at the edges. Subversives seek to undermine the police by interference and sedition. In trade unions, as we have seen here recently, they organize defiance, not just of new laws specifically designed to bring the exaggerated immunities unions have enjoyed within reasonable bounds, but of the ordinary common law which forbids riot, assault and intimidation. Most important perhaps is the work which adherents of Soviet totalitarianism have done in determining the style and direction of the activities of the anti-nuclear movement.

A very large number of people, moved by understandable anxiety about the destructiveness of nuclear weapons into the conclusion that in a dangerous situation the most prudent thing to do is to lie flat on your back, is easily exploited by a purposive minority. If we reflect on the damage done by the young radicals of the late 1960s to the capacity of the United States to carry on its resistance to the communist takeover in Vietnam, we may well conclude that the anti-nuclear movement in the West is one of the greatest dangers it faces.

At various times in the past 40 years, above all in the crises of the Berlin airlift and of the Cuban missiles, the West has come near to fullscale war with the Soviet Union. That has been held off. The communist rulers, if they hang on to the last ragged vestiges of belief in their professed ideology, should be confident of ultimate victory without recourse to the unspeakable hazards of open war. On the other hand, they may be practical-minded enough to have noticed that none of the European countries outside Russia that now are included in its colonial empire was brought under their control by a revolution. All had to be subdued by the Red Army; in some cases, we should remember, more than once.

In view of that fact, it is essential that the West should maintain its defences in a condition to discourage any attempt by the Soviet Union to extend its power by military means. We need to know what they are up to and to match or surpass it, costly though that must be. Then, even if we cannot count on the Marxian dogma of inevitable communist triumph through the internal collapse of capitalism to make Soviet rulers cautious, we provide them with a straightforwardly pragmatic motive for being so.

Military assault is the most dramatic way in which totalitarianism might bring about the destruction of liberal-democratic society. But that destruction, unless the most extraordinary assumptions are made about western passivity or incompetence, would destroy the attackers, too. There are other ways in which they will seek to undermine us. One method is to bring about the slow attrition of the western public's commitment to liberal principles and representative institutions by biased teaching, the penetration of universities and polytechnics, of journalism, broadcasting and publishing. That process helps to weaken resistance to the capture by stealth of organizations that can wield not just influence, but a great deal of actual power: town halls, unions, political parties of the left.

These are forms of public action that are legal and ought to remain so. But what one might call legal subversion is perhaps even more dangerous than the more obvious illegal variety, than rioting and terrorism, at least in a society where most people take the law to be an ultimate protection.

Communist totalitarianism could destroy us by military means. It could cause us to fall to them without a fight by undermining us from within.

There is a final way in which it could destroy us without either attacking us or taking or taking us over. That is by making us, in our determination to defend ourselves, come to resemble it by subordinating laws and principles to authoritatively determined reason of state. Our defence of ourselves must not be of such a kind that it makes us no longer worth defending. Fascism turned a lot of previously reasonable people into communists. It is important that the communists should not succeed in reversing the process.

Extracted from the speech by Lord Quinton, President of Trinity College, Oxford, at last night's opening of the "Beyond 1984" conference in London.

Roger Scruton

Body of thought with no soul

A philosophical question is one that cannot be finally answered. Some philosophers therefore say that such questions cannot be asked, since a question without an answer is not a question. This *gran rifiuto* has a certain dignity, but that is all. There can be provisional answers even where no answer is final, and since everything that matters to us is provisional, why should not philosophy matter too? Our experience bears witness to our need for philosophical answers. In morality, in religion – and now, alas, in politics – the great metaphysical questions ceaselessly obtrude, begging for an immediate and provisional reply.

One such question – considered by Professor Searle in last year's Reith lectures – is that of the soul (or "mind" as the philistines describe it). Is the soul distinct from the body? If not, whence arises our sense of obligation, what justifies it, and how should we behave? Every human life contains a tacit answer to those questions, and the advantage of religion is that its answer is loud and clear. For many people, however, a softly spoken and hesitant answer is all that is obtainable, and the voice which utters it is heard only occasionally, in the pauses of an over-busy life.

It would not be right to describe Professor Searle as a "still, small voice". On the contrary, there is something loud and bantering in his argument that we are categorically distinct from computers, and possess capacities that no machine could have. There are two reasons for being dissatisfied with what he says. One is that he constantly seems to assume what he must prove – namely, that a machine can play with signs, but only we can *understand* them.

The other is that his argument is severed from all moral consequence. Even if we are, as he says, distinct from every artificial intellect, why should this matter to us? Is this the sign that we are free, that our lives have purpose and value, that death has lost its sting? Or is it just a weird addition to the sum of human misery: that we are not only, like the rest of nature, purposeless, but also cursed with the capacity to know how purposeless we are?

Religions have often encouraged the belief in the soul as an entity wholly separable from the body which incarnates it, a principle of freedom and value, the ultimate residence of the self. In morality and in worship, according to this view, the soul becomes aware of its separateness from the flesh, and is inspired by the distant vision of its eternal home.

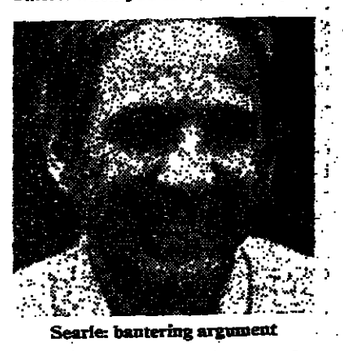
Almost all modern philosophers doubt that such a thing could be literally true, and many of them also agree with St Thomas Aquinas that it is by no means necessary for a religious person to believe it. The soul is neither separate from the body nor truly separable, and the promise of eternity means not disembodied existence in an unending future but the emancipation from time.

Aristotle suggested that anger is a boiling of the blood, but cautioned us that the word "is" here does not signify identity. Anger is a boiling of the blood, in something like the way that a house is the bricks which compose it. Similarly, the relation of the soul to the body is like that of the relation of a house to its bricks. The soul is a principle of organization, which governs the flesh and endows it with a meaning. It is no more separable from the flesh than is the house from its bricks even if the soul may survive the gradual replacement of every bodily part.

It is to the soul that we respond when we respond to another; not to the flesh, even though the soul is nothing but flesh. In responding we see a meaning that we can transcribe in words only with the greatest labour – that of poetry, which is also the labour of the liturgy.

We do not understand another merely by dwelling on his bodily constitution, any more than we understand architecture by studying it as it would be studied by an engineer. The appeal of religion lies partly in its ability to transcribe the meaning of the human form in intelligible symbols. Religion aims to extract the moral consequences which our bodily form implies but which it implies too discreetly and too hesitantly to present a real obstacle to crime.

If you think of the soul in that way, you can also understand what it is to lose it. You lose your soul when you cease to find the soul of others: when you see others eclipsed



Searle: bantering argument

by their bodies, their meaning extinguished by the physical laws which propel them. An example is provided by obscenity. In obscenity the human body invades our perceptions, overwhelming us with its reality as a physiological contraption. Seeing the body thus, unilluminated by the individual self, we see it as barren, disgusting, and disposable. If we take delight in that we are already lost.

More subtle ways are available, however, whereby the sense of the soul's priority is lost. Perhaps the most important – and characteristically modern – of these, is through the great scientistic illusion, according to which the source of human life is hidden from us: in the unconscious, in the "material conditions" of economic life, in our history, our instincts or our genes. Such an idea – associated with every pseudo-science of man, from Marx and Freud to sociology – severs us more effectively than any superstition from our purpose and fulfilment. For it fosters the master thought of crime: the attribution of my life and actions to something that is not myself, and for which I cannot answer.

The author is editor of the Salisbury Review.

Nicholas Ashford assesses the task facing the Democrats

Wanted – a New Deal for 1988

Washington

Earlier this month more than 100 Democratic congressmen and women took part in a three-day retreat at a West Virginia resort to consider ways of restoring the party's popularity following last year's presidential election debacle.

The speakers included a Mr Lou Tice, a motivational psychologist who has inspired football and baseball teams to greatness. His advice to the assembled Democrats was that they could make themselves feel more like winners if they approached the political challenges ahead by changing the words of an old song. "Sing this" he said. "I'm off to *be* the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz. I know I'm a Whizz of a wiz because because of the wonderful things I does."

The Democratic Party will need more than such wizardly exhortations if it is to recover its morale and sense of political direction in time for the 1988 presidential election.

Never has the party appeared so doubtful about its future, so divided about its political direction.

There is little in the party's recent electoral record that provides cause for much optimism. It has lost four out of the past five presidential elections and would probably have lost the fifth if it had not been for Watergate.

It has lost control of the Senate and the once high hopes of regaining it in 1986 are now beginning to fade. Although the Democrats retain a 71-seat majority in the House, this is due more to gerrymandering than to electoral popularity. In popular vote terms the Democrats carried the House by fewer than 50,000 votes last year out of more than 73 million cast. The party does however control 34 of the 50 state governorships, including many in states which were solidly pro-Reagan in the presidential election. This suggests that the party still retains a popular base on which to build in the future.

Demographic changes do not augur well, either. There continues to be a substantial shift of population from the "Rust belt" – states of the north-east and mid-west, the Democratic heartland for over half a century – to the "Sun belt" of the south and west.

This population shift, coupled with the breaking down of the traditional Democratic Party coalition due to the growing affluence of many working-class Americans, has led some analysts to speculate that the Republican Party may soon replace the Democrats as the majority party in US politics.



Hart and Cuomo: leading the Democratic pack for 1988

Surveys show that those who identify themselves as Republicans are now equal to those who say they are Democrats – both 32 per cent. Many former Democrats have become floating voters, opting for Republican candidates in presidential elections and reverting to their own party in congressional and gubernatorial contests.

The Democrats who gathered in West Virginia had almost as many different suggestions for extricating the party from its present morass as there were participants.

At the pessimistic end of the opinion spectrum were those such as political analyst Horace Busby who warned: "Democrats now have to be concerned for the survival of the party. I do not believe there is any credible basis to argue that the Democrats are still in a contest for the White House."

Others, such as Richard Gephardt, one of the new breed of bright young Democratic congressmen, were much more upbeat.

As the party struggles to provide itself with a new identity and a new sense of direction, a consensus is already developing on certain key issues. First, the Democrats must embrace a policy of non-inflationary economic growth. One of the main reasons for last year's defeat was that they were seen as advocating a redistribution of existing wealth whereas the Republicans were for creating new wealth.

The redistributive policies that successive Democratic administrations have introduced since the New Deal of Roosevelt's day were successful and popular largely because of the party's commitment to growth and prosperity. However, the party has become identified in the minds of many voters with economic stagnation and high taxes. It was small wonder that Reagan's programme of economic growth based on reduced taxation looked so attractive, even if it was achieved by massive deficit-financing.

Second, the party must not sacrifice its bedrock belief in the principles of economic and social justice simply to lure voters back from the Republican Party and it must make sure that new policies benefit everybody, and not just the few.

Third, the domination of the national party and the presidential nominating process by special interest groups must be ended. One of the main reasons for Walter Mondale's humiliating defeat last year was the widely-held belief that, if elected, he would have been beholden to the trade unionists, feminists, teachers and other groups who had endorsed his nomination.

"The Democrats have become the victims of the single-issue politics they created", observed Joseph Califano, a former aide to President Johnson, reflecting on the way the special interest groups have come to dominate the presidential nomination process.

As a result, Democratic presidential candidates have to take positions on issues such as gay rights or abortion which may be unpopular to the broad mass of Americans.

Fourth, the party must find an attractive leader around whom it can rally. There is certainly no shortage of good candidates, whether they be traditionalists like Mario Cuomo, star of the 1984 San Francisco convention, "neo-liberals" such as Gephardt, Gary Hart or Bill Bradley, or one of the new breed of pragmatic young state governors such as Bruce Babbit of Arizona, Bill Clinton of Arkansas or Robert Graham of Florida.

Nor is there any shortage of "new ideas" for the future direction of the party, although the old New Dealers and the high-tech "neo-liberals" are divided over the extent to which the party should rethink its basic political approach.

Democrats are simply bristling with "new ideas", whether they be the Bradley-Gephardt flat tax proposal or Hart's suggestions for military reform. What is needed, however, is a candidate who can confer stature on these ideas and present them in such a way as to persuade the electorate they offer a better hope for the future than the policies being pursued by the Reagan administration.

So far Cuomo and Hart have publicly taken the lead in trying to restore the party's political fortunes. Both have made speeches in recent weeks which have not only established them as contenders for the 1988 nomination but have also shown that, whatever their philosophical and tactical differences, the traditionalist and revisionist wings of the party can still manage to agree on basic principles.

The party's fortunes will to a considerable extent depend on what happens to the economy and within the Republican Party over the next four years. If the economy does not collapse under the weight of the budget deficit, it will be hard for the Democrats to win the White House in 1988 however successful they are in getting their act together before then.

But if the economy begins to lose momentum and the Republicans start scrapping among themselves over a successor to President Reagan, then the Democrats do have a chance of staging a comeback – but only if they can unite behind a leader and an agreed set of policies.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Yawn of a new year

Hundreds of thousands of American tourists were flooding into Britain yesterday to witness one of the major festivals of the British tourist year: the Miracle of the Budget. The high point of this ceremony centres on the traditional figure of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which stands motionless all afternoon in the House of Commons and then very slowly, miraculously, exudes a few tears and announces a small tax concession. Quite how this miracle takes place nobody knows.

Most of the rest of the afternoon is taken up with blood being squeezed out of a stone, after which the pound drops against the dollar and the Americans descend on Harrods, whooping and hollering in glee – in fact, the American invasion has become as much a part the ritual as anything else, and is often watched in awe by a native crowd of pick-pockets, shop-lifters, credit card fiddlers and people who just slipped into Harrods to go to the loo.

But all this is later on today and represents only the peak of the preparations for the Miracle of the Budget, which have been going on for weeks. These include such time-honoured rituals as Giving the Chancellor Advice, Giving the Chancellor More Advice, Pleading with the Chancellor to Heed the Advice, Predicting the End of Industry, Films, Theatre and Housing if Advice is not Taken, and Wailing and Gnashing of Lobbies. The curious thing about all these rituals is that the figure of the Chancellor, standing totally motionless, never gives any indication if it will heed the advice or indeed if it has been listening. Wasted rituals, some say, but of course rituals exist for their own sake, not to produce an effect.

This year, amazingly, there has been a new ritual called Urging the Chancellor not to put VAT on Books and Newspapers. In the bookshops all over the country little petition forms have appeared for customers to sign, and many signatures have been received, a lot of them signed compulsively by Edward Heath and Jeffrey Archer. Very few of these petition forms have been handed in, the bookshops preferring to make a tidy profit out of selling the famous autographs on the forms.

VAT on newspapers is often known as "a tax on knowledge", a phrase not much liked by newspaper proprietors as very few British newspapers these days contain much knowledge: VAT could therefore safely be imposed on most of them without knowledge being at all affected. At least one Irishman of my acquaintance has bought enormous stocks of British newspapers in the last few days in case the price should go up later this week.

Anticipation has quickened over the weekend, with familiar last-minute rituals such as Giving the Chancellor Final Advice, Asking Nigel to Think Again, Urging Lawson to Stick to his Guns, Concluding that the Chancellor has Very Few Options, and Cleaning Out the local Off-Licence. But today is the big day, with all radio and TV channels cleared for action. The morning is spent asking people: "What do you think the Chancellor is going to say?" Later the question becomes: "What do you think the Chancellor is actually saying at the moment?" And this evening we get the question: "Does anyone have any idea what the Chancellor has actually said?"

It is a peculiarly British ceremony. Historic is one word that springs to mind. Traditional is another. But the adjective that probably best describes it is: boring. And the most boring thing about the whole festival is the flood of mail I have received over the past few weeks from insurance firms urging me to take out pension schemes in case the Budget should remove tax incentives from them. Suggestible as always, I have taken out every single pension scheme offered me, just to stop them pestering me.

In fact, I have just worked out that if I retire tomorrow I shall be better off from all my pensions than if I go on working. So this is, somewhat unexpectedly, the last column I shall ever write for *The Times*, and I intend to spend the next 50 years of my life pottering around the garden.

STOP PRESS. I have just done my sums again and find that I shall have to work harder than ever just to keep up the payments on my pension schemes. Would all readers, especially the editor, please disregard the preceding paragraph?

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SELF-HELP, NOT SPOON-FEED

The official West German endorsement of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) has concentrated firmly on the technical aspects and the need for full technical collaboration, while playing down the strategic philosophy. The reason for that emphasis can be found in Germany's political sensitivity to the accusation that the whole scheme will destabilize the so-called East/West strategic balance. The Soviet Union has been actively developing ballistic missile defences for twenty years and now President Reagan has signified his intention to do the same, hoping, though coming from behind, to catch up by virtue of America's greater resources and more advanced technology. Given that to be the case there are three likely results, unless both sides agreed to discontinue their research. The first result would be that the United States would develop and deploy a decisively superior system; the second that the Soviet Union and the United States would concurrently develop comparable systems; the third that the Soviet Union would get there first.

It is clear to the West Germans that the third likelihood must be avoided at all costs – hence their initial commitment to the principle, however lukewarm. The second would presume a balance of strategic defences and thus could lead to a likely increase of instability in Europe with both powers more adequately protected at home. The consequence for West Germany would be an even greater effort to overcome the East/West imbalance in conventional forces with considerable economic and tactical implications. The first option therefore, though carrying some transitional complications connected with the likely Soviet response, would obviously, once achieved, be the best result of the three. But it is vulnerable in the meantime, to all the political arguments which spring originally from the idea that some kind of strategic stability between East and West can be achieved and maintained and is thus desirable.

These considerations lie behind Herr Genscher's cautionary statement yesterday in which, like Sir Geoffrey Howe last week, he accentuated the negative aspects of SDI and eschewed any real enthusiasm for the principle of it.

It is primarily because of this reluctance to give the SDI principled and energetic backing that the German emphasis on full technological co-operation threatens to go down the wrong road. The Germans are determined to extract the highest price for their co-operation with Washington. This, in their view, would consist of full access to all existing and future American technology, joint control of the programme of research and development, and thereafter joint operational controls of any system which might take shape. The British have been less explicit in their demands but it is possible that a joint Anglo-German position on technology will be developed along these lines.

Behind this position lies an historic sense of grievance caused by American constraints on the transfer of modern technology not just to the Soviet bloc through the system of strategic embargo, but also to a widening list of countries which purchase advanced technology from West Germany, and which Washington now believes to be a source of further technological leakage to the Soviet Union.

The Reagan administration is particularly keen to stifle the Soviet Union's hitherto very successful plagiarization of virtually all Western technology. Most computer and electronic technology in the Soviet Union has come to it that way. Now that it is clear that much of this effort has been used to give the Soviet Union some headstart in research into missile defence, the American effort to inhibit this technology transfer is bound to increase, and with it the tensions between European firms who use American components in much of their equipment, appealing to their governments to protest to Washington.

However, there are dangers in the German approach because it seems inconceivable that the United States would open up its books so completely to any of its allies when it has been clear that those allies do not share American convictions about the need to tighten up on this aspect of the East/West technology embargo, even down to the scale of home computers, and are anyway, given their economic shortcomings, more susceptible to the lure of doing business with the Soviet bloc.

The more practical point against such an arrangement is that it would not help Europe to maximize the Western research effort into missile defence. The United States is obviously well advanced in research into intercontinental defences but less so on short-range and low-level missile attacks which is obviously a more potent threat on the continent of Europe. It is acknowledged by leading American scientific authorities concerned with SDI that Britain and West Germany could carry out valuable research in the fields of particle accelerators, optics lasers and sensors which are all relevant in the application of the main principles of misssile defence in the kind of short-range environment encountered in Europe but not yet concentrated on with the same effort which American laboratories have applied to space questions.

Before such a clear choice and division of resources between the United States and Europe can be made, however, European governments will have to commit themselves much more positively to the whole concept. They would need to provide independent funding, rather than hoping to negotiate a piggyback ride on existing American programmes. They would be working on the basis of mutual collaboration and cross-fertilization of two independent task forces. This would be a much healthier relationship than the idea that Europe should negotiate a junior position with the Americans, as a kind of branch effort of existing American expertise which would only lead to spoonfeeding, derivative technology, limited access and constant haggling over joint control.

STAFF ROOM DISCIPLINE

At the heart of the teachers' dispute is not money but management. At issue is the very definition of a schoolteacher's job, and hence our ability to run the schools for the public purposes of education rather than the private ends of a professional group. That local authorities and teachers' unions should now be going to the courts to determine whether lunchtime duties or after-hours' meetings are part of contractual responsibilities attest to years of managerial inertia.

The dispute is also about the capacity of public sector unions to accept the discipline of straitened public finance and, the teachers' unique burden, of demographic change. This spring the National Union of Teachers and the other associations might have attempted to educate their members in restraint. It was easier to excite them into impossible expectation. Demagoguery like Mr Fred Jarvis's comes cheap.

This dispute is about resistance to change in working practices. The essence of education is discipline. One of the teacher's skills is to assess, to stimulate the performance of pupils. By resisting the discipline of assessment of their own performance (and the managerial reforms that accompany such measurement), the teachers stand opposed to the renovation of Britain. That is why in this dispute management must win – and there is the beginning and end of the lazy comparison some people have been tempted to make with the coal strike.

The best hope for teachers was – and still is – the re-structuring of salaries on the basis of new assessment procedures proposed last autumn by the local authorities. The local authorities, remember, are not just the hard-faced shires and Tory suburbs. They bear the pinker visages of Haringey, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Doncaster – yet it is these Labour-controlled authorities which have most obviously reached the end of their patience with the bargaining tactics of the NUT and pressed hard for a new means of imposing discipline in classroom and staffroom. As the teachers' disruptive action progresses, local authorities really have no choice but to make teachers pay a financial penalty.

Unless and until the teachers' unions agree to negotiate about managerial reform, the question of how much the assessment package would cost is academic. Neither Sir Keith nor any other minister could allow themselves to be committed in advance to extra expenditure. Where Sir Keith can, however, be faulted is on a failure to see that if the central point of this dispute is effective management of the schools, then he and his department are obliged to recognize a fracture of responsibility between central and local government. Sir Keith says blandly that the Burnham negotiating system written into law in the 1965 Remuneration of Teachers Act has stood the test of time. But it is that system with its baffling division between pay negotiation and separate negotiating over hours and conditions which is part cause of the managerial deficiency that must now be rectified.

WARNINGS FROM OHIO

When small savers queue in sleeping bags and caravans outside local savings banks in the cities and suburbs of Ohio in the hope of withdrawing their money, warning lights are bound to flash not only throughout the United States but in bank dealing rooms and finance ministries around the world. The governor of Ohio's orders to more than seventy such banks to keep their doors closed for at least five days evoke disturbing folk memories of the thirties.

The crisis in Ohio stems from a somewhat esoteric combination of oddities in the American system of bank regulation. In itself, it may have no wider implications. Nor does it directly reflect the combination of high interest rates and the high dollar which critics of President Reagan's economic policies have long expected to strain the American financial system to breaking point. Yet it reminds the world of those strains and it reminds foreign exchange dealers in particular that the "Reagan economic miracle" and the strength of the dollar in the face of unprecedented US budget and trade deficits have been grounded on a remarkable upsurge of confidence in the American economy both at home and abroad.

Confidence is now conspicuously lacking among the small savers of Ohio. It was also shaky on the foreign exchange markets yesterday as the dollar was marked down sharply against both the mark and the pound. There is some logic in this link. Ohio is one of the few states where savings and loan institutions are not required to be part of the federal deposit insurance system. The collapse of a secondary government bond dealer cost one Ohio savings bank dearly, causing a run which threatened to exhaust the local private deposit insurance scheme, questioning the security of other members. The federal insurance system is not keen to take on the problem because its own resources have fallen behind the rapid growth of the savings and loan institutions since their activities were deregulated.

There are plenty of solutions to the local problem, including a takeover of the original problem bank. But if the particular sequence of events is not repeatable nationwide, some of the problems are. This is not the first default among secondary bond dealers, a largely unregulated group, and not the first to have wide repercussions. This is not the first substantial savings bank to get into trouble. Deregulation of a sector which traditionally operated in a similar way to our own building societies, and without such a strong capital base as banks, has produced some foolish speculative investment.

Nor is this the only threat to smaller American banks. Mr Paul Volcker, head of the US central bank, has himself warned of the failure of small farm banks because of the threats posed to farmers in states like Ohio by the high dollar and the refusal of the Administration to extend support.

In such circumstances, Mr Volcker would find it extremely hard to tighten monetary policy should the need arise. The presumption that he could be relied upon to do so has underlain confidence in the dollar. Only a fool would write off the dollar just yet. The system survived the near collapse of one of its largest international banks intact. Yet our own Chancellor of the Exchequer, like his counterparts round the world, must be more than ever concerned to batten down the hatches in case the world financial system has to withstand the storm of a rapid fall in the dollar, however much he may be cheered by a rising pound on Budget eve.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Embryo research at a price

From Professor Martin Bobrow and others

Sir, Mr Enoch Powell, in introducing his Bill to prohibit medical and scientific research on post-fertilization stages of human development obtained by *in-vitro* fertilization, concedes that this may retard potentially valuable medical advances. Whether or not this price is worth paying is for Parliament and the nation to decide.

In contrast, many of Mr Powell's supporters have obscured this issue by suggesting that no important lines of research are at stake.

In an attempt to portray major disagreement among experts on this issue, no fewer than six speakers in the parliamentary debate quoted the negative views of Professor Jerome Lejeune, who had been invited by the anti-research lobby to come from Paris to speak to parliamentarians.

As practising medical geneticists in this country, concerned for the impact that this issue and its wider implications may have on the wellbeing of our current and future patients, we wish to draw to public attention the virtually complete isolation of Professor Lejeune's views on this point.

Despite his illustrious early discoveries, Professor Lejeune's later hypotheses on the treatment of Down's syndrome and other forms of mental retardation have failed to convince the vast majority of his colleagues.

There are few, if any, serious practising medical geneticists in this country, or abroad, who would have been willing to express the views which have been given so much weight by so many parliamentarians.

In the early detection of genetic defects and in understanding the origins of some forms of childhood disability, as well as in the area of fertility and its disorders, it seems most probable that research on very early post-fertilization stages will be of medical value. This is one factor which should be given due weight in the public debate on this issue.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BOBROW,
(Guy's Hospital Medical School),
MALCOLM FERGUSON-SMITH,
(University of Glasgow),
PETER HARPER,
(Welsh National School of Medicine),
RODNEY HARRIS,
(University of Manchester),
MICHAEL LAURENCE,
(Welsh National School of Medicine),
MARCUS PEMBREY,
(Institute of Child Health),
PAUL POLANI,
(Guy's Hospital Medical School),
DAVID WEATHERALL,
(University of Oxford),
Paediatric Research Unit,
Guy's Hospital Medical School,
Guy's Tower,
London Bridge, SE1.
March 11.

The Swann report

From Mr Warwick Jessup

Sir, Following the Swann report (details, March 15) is it not obvious that children from ethnic minorities, as far as is practically possible, should be instructed in their own culture and tradition, as well as in English and European culture? Would not such an education be of benefit to other children as well, and conduce to mutual understanding?

One such classical tradition, which forms the basis of the culture of a large number of children from ethnic minority groups, is that of Sanskrit. Despite the subject's rich educational value, it is totally ignored in our schools and is fast dying in our universities.

Surely it is time we broadened our view to encompass such a subject, particularly where it would be the natural choice of a substantial proportion of the local population.

Yours faithfully,
WARWICK JESSUP,
Balliol College,
Oxford.
March 16.

Roads for the future

From Dr Mayer Hillman and Mr Stephen Plowden

Sir, It was sad to see the attempt of the Director General of the CBI (March 9) to revive the ancient canard (old lame duck?) that building roads is a good way of helping the British export drive. The proportion of the cost of British goods accounted for by the journey to the port is very small and would be reduced only very slightly by new roads.

The proportion of traffic using British roads, except in the port areas themselves, that has anything to do with exports is minute. Moreover, the benefits, such as they are, would accrue as much to our foreign competitors exporting to Britain as to our own exporters.

Would the CBI be recommending spending £300 million a year on roads if the cost was met directly by the users rather than from public funds generally?

Yours faithfully,
MAYER HILLMAN,
STEPHEN PLOWDEN,
The Coach House,
7a Netherhall Gardens, NW3.

False alarm

From Mrs Elspeth Walder

Sir, Has any of your other readers heard a starling imitate a digital alarm clock?

Is this the end of lying in on summer mornings?

Yours sincerely,
ELSPETH WALDER,
45 Courtenay Street, SE11.
March 8.

Sex bias in Community Programme?

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and others

Sir, There is now widespread speculation that the Government will shortly announce new plans for its special measures for unemployed people. As representatives of organisations with considerable experience of such initiatives we wish to take this opportunity to repeat the concern which has been expressed in many quarters about the impact of some changes which have already been made in one of the Government's biggest commitments in this field, the Community Programme (CP), and which continue to provoke widespread discontent.

The source of this concern is that in October, 1984, additional eligibility criteria were introduced in order to restrict participation in the programme to those in receipt, directly or indirectly, of eligible social security benefits. This move has excluded from participation a significant number of long-term unemployed people previously eligible.

Most importantly, the new rules discriminate against women, principally because long-term unemployed married women often do not qualify for unemployment or supplementary benefit. The Government's view is that these changes do not contravene the Sex Discrimination Act, but this is likely to be challenged in the courts and may well be pursued by the European Commission for possible infringement of the 1976 European Community directive on equal treatment in education and training.

The Government defends its decision by arguing that the new rules are cost-effective and designed to ensure that assistance goes to those with the greatest need. We believe this argument is mistaken. Apart from taking a narrow view of cost effectiveness, it ignores the significance which special employment measures (SEMs) have now assumed both in terms of facing the range of problems associated with long-term unemployment and in terms of their links with other initiatives such as the adult training strategy.

If, as seems likely, SEMs expand to become a permanent feature of public policy in the foreseeable future, this new and institutionalised form of discrimination against women will mean that significant numbers will be excluded from the benefits of participating in such programmes.

We believe that the Government should acknowledge the widespread concern about the rules and should remove them.

Yours faithfully,
BILL GRIFFITHS (National Council for Voluntary Organisations),
WALTER V. BAKER (Community Roots Trust),
ALICE BURNS (Co-Chairman, NCVO, Women's Organisations Interest Group),
ALBERT CLARK (Special Employment Measures Advisory Group),
NICHOLAS DEAKIN (Chairman, Council for Voluntary Service, National Association),
ELIZABETH FILKIN (Director, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux),
ROSS FLOCKHART (Director, Scottish Council for Community and Voluntary Organisations),
DAVID HOBMAN (Director, Age Concern England),
MARION MARDALL (Church Action with the Unemployed),
W. B. MORGAN (Leader, Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council),
JOE SIMPSON (Assistant Director, Community Service Volunteers),
VIVIEN STERN (Director, National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders),
National Council for Voluntary Organisations,
26 Bedford Square, WC1.
March 15.

Taxing the nest-egg

From Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP for Kensington (Conservative)

Sir, Stewart Lyon is right (March 14) to protest against the taxation of the income of assets held by pension trusts as security for actual or accrued liabilities. The payments to the beneficiaries – when they come to be made in due course – will be liable to tax.

The principle on which the entire occupational pensions movement in Britain has been founded – ie, that tax is deferred while the asset is accumulated but is levied when the benefits are paid out – ought not to be breached. It would be quite wrong for the Chancellor to draw money away from the capital account by double taxation, in order to find a way of releasing more money for current expenditure.

It would be a change of long-standing taxation principles which would be retrospective in its effect, because it would leave trustees short of the resources which they had relied on to meet their obligations. It would also be entirely contrary to the Prime Minister's philosophy of encouraging thrift, prudence and the accumulation of personal assets.

It must be conceded, however, that not all the assets of occupational pension trusts are held by the trustees on behalf of individual beneficiaries. For a variety of reasons, many trusts just now are substantially over-funded: their reserves are not held against identifiable commitments.

In some cases one suspects that adroit corporate treasurers make use of the tax concessions available to pension trusts to park surplus company funds in a tax haven until such time as they are needed, when they can be drawn out by the simple device of leaving off the regular topping-up of the trust, while its liabilities increase.

If the Chancellor were to require pension trustees to separate the assets which are allocated for individual beneficiaries from their general reserves, the former could retain the habitual tax exemption, while the income from the unallocated or excess funds could be taxed like that from any other company assets.

It would be a reasonable reform, and it would serve the good purpose of encouraging trustees to adopt conventional money-purchase principles. It would also encourage them to allocate each individual his full accumulated rights, while still in service, and to pay transfers for the early leavers of the full amount of their entitlements.

Yours faithfully,
BRANDON RHYS WILLIAMS,
House of Commons.
March 15.

Hooding of prisoners

From Colonel Professor G. I. A. D. Draper

Sir, In the statement made in your issue of March 9 (page 6) it is contended that Article 3, common to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 may, subject to interpretation, be applicable to the hooding by Israel security services of civilian detainees about to be interrogated at Tyre in Lebanon. That contention is open to challenge, as a matter of international law.

Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 applies only to internal armed conflicts, i.e., those "not of an international character occurring in the territory of a (State) Party." The remainder of each Convention applies to international armed conflicts, which include a situation in which one such party is in occupation of the whole or part of the territory of another such party.

It is generally considered, although it may be denied by Israel, that at the present time Israel is in occupation of part of south Lebanon, although it may be in the process of withdrawal therefrom. If this be correct, then Article 3 cited in your issue cannot be applicable, and questions of its proper interpretation cannot arise.

The only possible situation for that article to be applicable would be one in which Israel was assisting the armed forces of the Lebanese Government in suppressing armed dissidents opposed to the Lebanese Government. Such would appear to be a travesty of the facts.

The hooding of prisoners awaiting interrogation by Israel security services, as reported in your issue of March 7, (page 1) would more properly fall to be considered in the application of articles 5 and 27, of the Geneva (Civilians) Convention, 1949, assuming that the hooded prisoners seen by Mr Fisk in Tyre (report March 7) are Lebanese nationals. Thereunder "protected persons", as defined in Article 4, must at all times be "treated with humanity" or "treated humanely." Under Article 27, ". . . the parties to the conflict may take such measures of control and security in regard to protected persons as may be necessary as a result of the war". It is thought that during the present occupation by Israel of the relevant areas of Lebanon both these articles may be applicable and their terms do call for interpretation.

Hooding of prisoners *en route* to or from interrogation may not, *per se*, amount to inhumane treatment in the absence of factors of aggravation such as were found to have occurred in the case of *Ireland v UK* (1978), determined by the European Court when applying the relevant article (3) of the European Convention on Human Rights, 1950. The latter instrument is framed in different terms from the comparable Article 3 in the relevant Geneva Convention, 1949 and has a different provenance.

There are also certain fundamental differences between the respective regimes of Human Rights and the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The law governing "humanity" in armed conflicts has long since ceased to be simple.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
G. I. A. D. DRAPER,
16 Southover High Street,
Lewes,
Sussex.
March 10.

Broadcasting's troubles

From Mr Alex Henney

Sir, The BBC licence affair illustrates the effete and slippery face of the secret management of public services.

Last year the corporation sought a rise in the licence, which is virtually a universal tax. The Home Office instructed it to commission a management audit. There was a leak-inspired press debate on the licence and advertising, with (needless to say) the BBC claiming that advertising would destroy the world's greatest broadcasting organisation.

The audit report was duly completed and the BBC published a summary but refused to publish the whole report, alleging that it was commercially confidential. The chairman of the corporation claims the report "gives it a clean bill of health" and that there is negligible scope for savings.

The consultant in charge of preparing the report stated that it did not give the corporation a clean bill of health, that major matters which affect the corporation's cost performance were excluded from the terms of reference, and that he could not see why the corporation did not publish the full report. A former BBC producer, who is now the producer of *Brookside* on Channel Four, claims that the BBC's *East Enders* costs twice as much per hour to produce.

There is no divine right of quangos to public trust, not even for the BBC. It is gutless of any public body to keep a report on performance from the public who fund it, and who paid for the report. It is craven cowardice in the case of the BBC, an organization which trades on information and whose programmes often castigate others for inefficiency.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX HENNEY,
38 Swains Lane, N6.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 19 1885

In 1881 Muhammad Ahmad ibn Abdullah announced that he was the Mahdi – the leader chosen by God to drive imperialist oppressors out of Sudan, which was under the rule of Egypt. In support of the latter, Britain sent out an army; in January 1885 General Gordon was killed at Khartoum, and it was not until 1898 that Sudan was finally reconquered by Lord Kitchener.

THE WAR IN THE SUDAN

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

SUAKIN, MARCH 18.

The movements and designs of the Mahdi are still shrouded in obscurity. We are constantly receiving reports which tend to show that no energetic offensive action is to be feared from him: but similar reports have so often proved false, that from our own part we feel unable to indulge in any forecast of probabilities. A letter, dated March 2, received from a leading inhabitant of Berber by the Intelligence Department, is of a very reassuring character. The writer says that all the army that was with Mahomed El Kheir, the Mahdi's deputy, has been dispersed to different places, and that none of those who have fought the English once would care to fight them again.

The garrison at Berber is stated to number only 3,400 men with 1,000 Remington rifles, many of them useless, 14 guns, one useless, and two steamers in good order. This may or may not be true, but it is certain that the Mahdi possesses great resources both in men and material, and that there is an almost universal feeling of active hostility against us on the part of the Arab tribes. He has among his troops 15,000 Egyptians who formerly belonged to the Khedive's army, and two years ago the Egyptian authorities admitted that he had captured 90 pieces of artillery, 10,000 rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges. The fall of Berber and Khartoum have since then largely added to his stock of arms and ammunitions, as well as to the number of his trained soldiers. The hostility of the natives was strikingly evinced by the fact that on the night of the 12th the cemetery at Korti was entered and the crosses erected over the graves were torn down and broken. A few days ago also some of our returning detachments saw 300 or 400 Arabs assembled between Magaga and Howeiyat. These are supposed to have been mere marauders, but bands of marauders under certain conditions rapidly develop into small armies, and it is significant of the energy of the enemy that numerous Arabs followed Sir Evelyn Wood's retreating force close up to Korti. No confirmation of the fall of Kassala, which alleged to have taken place on the 8th inst., has been received at Suakin. The latest reliable intelligence is dated March 1, at which time the garrison was still holding out, but it is asserted that for want of provisions resistance would become impossible after the end of the month.

The Arabs continue to make desultory attacks on our camp at Suakin, and on Saturday made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to carry off our cattle. Energetic measures have at length been taken, the principal camps being now re-arranged as regards position, surrounded by parapets and trenches, thorny bushes, and wire entanglements. Moreover, the services of some scouts belonging to friendly tribes are being utilized, two of them being posted at night in each redoubt. Their keen sight renders them valuable assistants to our sentries. Half of the men of each battalion and regiment are kept under arms all night. Considering that during the day the troops are busy at fatigue work, this being under arms at night is very harassing, and it is to be hoped that a speedy advance will take place. It is, however, satisfactory to hear that there is little sickness.

Bones of contention

From Professor N. Kurti, FRS

Sir, The paragraph in the PHS Diary (Monday, March 11) about the People's Republic of China helping with the upkeep of Karl Marx's grave reminds me of a letter which you published in the 1930s at the time of the British Museum's negotiations for the purchase of the *Codex Sinaiticus* from the USSR.

The writer suggested that since the atheistic, Marxist Soviet Union could have no special interest in an old religious manuscript they might be willing to barter if for the remains of Karl Marx.

Yours faithfully,
N. KURTI,
Brasenose College,
Oxford.
March 14.

'Vatican dismay'

From Father Aidan Nichols, OP

Sir, I am grateful to Mr Clifford Longley for his kind notice of my article in *The Tablet* ("Vatican 'dismay'", March 11). But with respect, my aim was not to propose an ascription to the Roman Pope and curia of the (English!) constitutional doctrine that the king can do no wrong. It was rather to attempt to defend ecclesiastical freedom by distinguishing it from licence.

Yours faithfully,
AIDAN NICHOLS,
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00184 Rome, Italy,
March 12.

Gallic customs

From Dr Alex Evans

Sir, In the matter of single pecks as double-bussing as methods of salutation, your correspondents do not seem to have noticed the very common convention in France of saluting friends with three kisses, one on each cheek and back to the first. It is certainly very common in the Cevennes and Languedoc and I have noticed the practice in other areas.

I am told that the three kisses are *un pour moi, un pour toi et un pour le bon Dieu*. The third recipient does not seem, as yet, to raise any objections.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX EVANS,
24 Mingle Lane,
Stapleford,
Cambridge.
March 12.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 18: The Right Hon Nigel Lawson, MP (Chancellor of the Exchequer) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 18: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by The Prince and Princess of Wales and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, was present this evening at the Royal Film Performance in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
March 18: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening attended the 25th anniversary meeting and dinner of the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany, in Dusseldorf.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Blount.

A memorial service for Lord Trevelyan will be held at noon today at St Margaret's, Westminster.

A memorial service for Mr Peter Fleetwood-Hesketh will be held at noon today at St Giles-in-the-Fields, St Giles High Street, WC2.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Emile Littler will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields at noon on Thursday, March 21.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. D. Rolnick and Miss J. R. Joseph

The engagement is announced between Jonathan David, only son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Rolnick, of New York, and Julia, second daughter of Sir Keith Joseph and Lady Joseph, of London.

Mr D. G. P. MacKenzie and Miss A. R. Rogers

The engagement is announced between Derek, only son of Mr Gregor MacKenzie, MP, and Mrs MacKenzie, of Kennington, London, and Adrienne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Rogers, of Milford, Connecticut, United States.

Mr G. F. Barbour and Miss C. M. Mackintosh

The engagement is announced between Freeland, eldest son of Prof and Mrs R. S. Barbour, of Fincastle, Pitlochry, and Charlotte, daughter of the late Prof John P. Mackintosh, MP, and Mrs Jean Greyling, of Edinburgh.

Mr A. Wade and Miss M. J. C. Hadcock

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Wade, of Ronsholme, Welbury, Northallerton, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr George F. C. Hadcock, of The Nook Farm, Wootton, Ashbourne, and Mrs M. Hadcock, of 89 Hayter Road, London, SW2.

Mr J. C. Turnbull and Miss M. O'Brien

The engagement is announced between John, son of Sir Frank and Lady Turnbull, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Maureen, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. O'Brien, of Leicester.

Mr G. M. Cotton and Miss C. C. Beale

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of the late Mr A. R. Cotton and of Mrs N. Cotton, and Celia, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Frank Beale.

Mr A. P. Freyne and Miss R. Debuf

The engagement is announced between Aidan, only son of Dr and Mrs J. D. Freyne, of Alberta, Canada, and Regine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Debuf, of Perth, Australia.

Mr J. M. Roche and Miss S. J. Chester

The engagement is announced between Justin, youngest son of Dr and Mrs G. K. T. Roche, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, and Sandra, third daughter of Dr and Mrs P. F. Chester, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr A. R. Walker and Miss S. C. Marshall

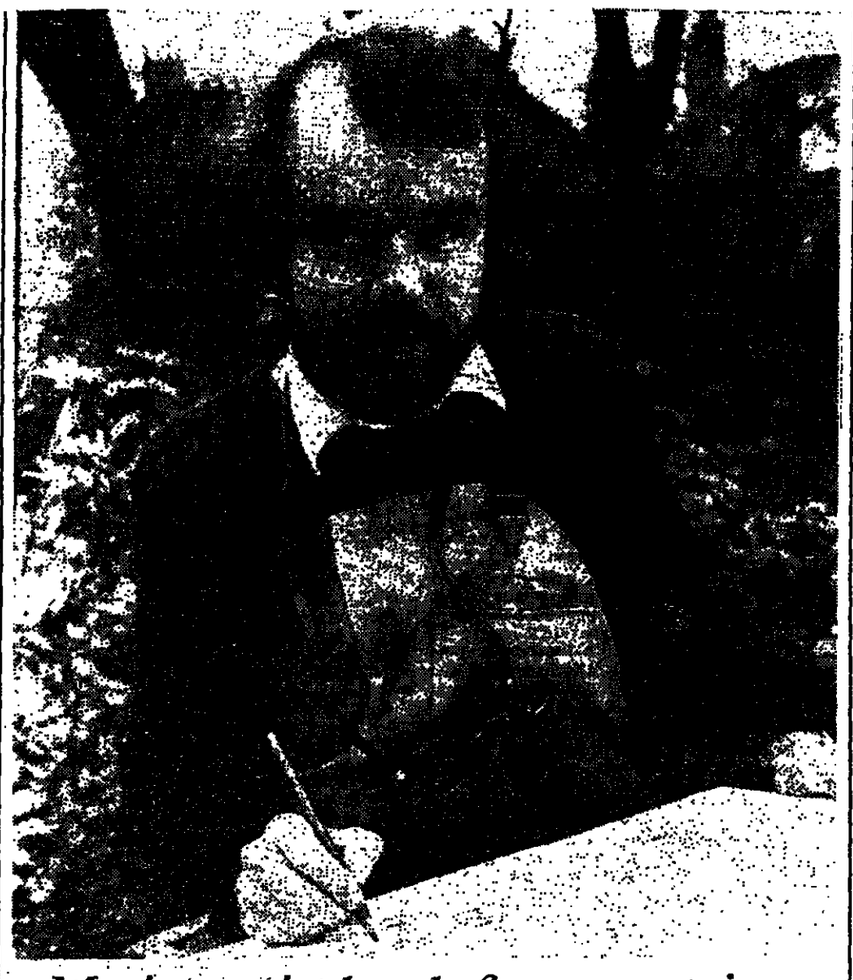
The engagement is announced between Andrew Roy, son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Walker, of Camden Town, London, and Sarah Constance, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Marshall, of West Hampstead, London.

Birthdays today

The Rev Sir Herbert Andrew, 75; Lord Baker, 84; Lady Georgina Coleridge, 69; Professor Ronald Girdwood, 68; the Right Rev A. R. Gordon, 58; Mr B. Hildrew, 65; Dr David Lumsden, 57; Miss Elizabeth Macaneby, 78; Mr Patrick McGoohan, 57; Sir Peter Masefield, 71; Mr Philip Mason, 79; Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Reay, 60; Sir Kenneth Robinson, 74; Sir Leonard Scopes, 73; Dr Kosky Strauss, 80; Mr Richard Williams, 52; Mr Norman Yardley, 70.

Latest appointments

Mr M. J. "Duke" Hussey, a director of Times Newspapers Ltd, is to become chairman of the Royal Marsden Hospitals' Special Health Authority for four years from April 1. The authority is responsible for the postgraduate hospitals in Fulham Road, London, and in Sutton, which are among the leading cancer hospitals in Europe. Mr Hussey, who was chief executive and managing director of Times Newspapers Ltd from 1971 to 1980, succeeds Lord Faringdon who has been chairman since 1980.



Marine artist heads for mountains

Mr Lincoln Rowe (above), a professional painter with the Marine Society, is to join the combined British and Royal Nepalese Army expedition to Mount Kirat Chuli (24,000 ft) in north-east Nepal (Ronald Faux writes). Mr Rowe, aged 32, from Kinross, expects to climb with the 30-strong expedition, sketching their ascent of the mountain. "A painting can give so much more of the feel and atmosphere of a place than a photograph. It is a more dynamic record", he said. Mr Rowe, who was recently assigned to capturing the marine mood of the Falklands, is prepared to give painting lessons to members of the expedition. "I only hope that at 20,000 ft or so I can actually breathe well enough to paint anything." (Photo Chris Harris).

Alexandra Rose Ball

The Alexandra Rose Ball will be held on Thursday, May 16, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London W1, from 8.30pm until 2.30am. Tickets are available at £30.00 each, to include dinner and a ball programme, from Mrs B. Weston, 1 Castelnau, Barnes SW13 9RP.

The joint chairman of the committee are Lady Clare Lindsay and the Hon Mrs Arthur Lawson Johnston, and the junior committee is being organized by Miss Alexandra Schwarzburg Gunther, Miss Juliette Hohnen and Mr Henry Whitbread.

Reception

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a reception at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening.

Marriages

Mr M. D. Ritchie and the Hon Mrs Jesson

The marriage took place in Cambridge on March 14 between Mr Michael Ritchie and the Hon Mr Jesson (née Stuart).

Mr P. Ashby and Miss F. M. Bevan

The marriage took place on March 16 in the Henry VIII Chapel, Westminster Abbey, between Mr Philip Ashby and Miss Favell Bevan. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr Richard O'Sullivan was best man.

The reception was held at Gray's Inn and the honeymoon is being spent in Egypt.

Mr C. B. Daniell and the Hon Mrs M. E. J. Dunne

The marriage took place on Thursday, March 7, between Mr Christopher Bridges Daniell and the Hon Mrs Mary Elizabeth Jill Dunne.

Mr W. A. Pearson and Mrs L. A. M. Bryant

The marriage took place in London on Monday March 18, between Mr William Pearson and Mrs Lois Bryant.

Mr N. P. Wentworth-Stanley and Miss C. H. Steel

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 9 at the Church of the Holy Cross, Binsted, of Mr Nicholas Wentworth-Stanley, second son of Mr and Mrs David Wentworth-Stanley, of Great Munden House, Ware, Hertfordshire, and Miss Clare Steel, youngest daughter of the late Mr Anthony Steel and Mrs Steel, of Rock House Farm, Lower Froyle, Alton, Hampshire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Tim Steel, was attended by Laura and Emma Wentworth-Stanley, Katie Crichton-Stuart, Laura Stirling, Jack Paravicini and Robin MacAndrew. Mr Robert Mackinnon was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

St Andrew's School, Eastbourne

Any OAs who have not received information about the dinner to be held at the Mansion House on April 15, 1985, should contact St Andrew's School, Eastbourne, as soon as possible.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House given in honour of the President of the People's Assembly, Egypt, Dr Rif'at Al Mahgoub.

HM Government

Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens, given in honour of the Mayor of San Francisco.

Corporation of London

The Corporation of London gave a luncheon at the Mansion House yesterday in honour of Mr Julius K. Nyerere, President of Tanzania. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:

Mr Benjamin Mkapa, Dr Msumu Abdurahman, the High Commissioner for Tanzania and Mrs Nyalu, Mr Gilman Rutihinda, Mr Joseph Bukuku, Mr Joshua W Ogunga, Mrs Derrah Rambo, Miss Jane Wicken, Major Flavian N Makwaia, Mr Habib Halahala, Professor William Makene, HM High Commissioner at Dar es Salaam, the High Commissioner for Swaziland and Mrs Mamba, the High Commissioner for Uganda and Mrs Arain, the High Commissioner for Zambia and Mrs Zulu, the High Commissioner for Botswana and Mrs Mpuchane, the Ambassador of Finland and Mme Paellinen.

The High Commissioner for Lesotho and Mrs Sefako, the High Commissioner for Mauritius and Mrs Nath, the High Commissioner for Zimbabwe and Mrs Mutswa, the High Commissioner for Kenya and Mrs Kiptoley, the Acting High Commissioner for India and Mrs Arora, Lord and Lady Clifford, Lord Kilmuir, Lord and Lady Chorley, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Richards, Sir Trevor and Lady Arrowsmith, Sir Kenneth Bilton, Lord Durham, Sir Timothy and Lady Bligh, Major Sir Patrick Wall, MP, Lord Biron, Mr David Steel, MP, Members of Parliament, Members of the Tanzanian High Commission, and representatives of Anglo-Tanzanian commercial and cultural interests, the Tanzanian community in London, the Civil Service, aldermen, common councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Old Bedford Modernians Club

The annual London luncheon of the Old Bedford Modernians' Club was held at the House of Commons yesterday. The president, Mr D. Clayson was in the chair, and the guests included Mr P. J. Squire, Headmaster of Bedford Modern School, Mr Keith Speed, MP, and S. C. J. Maple, Head Boy of Bedford Modern School.

Dinners

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a reception/dinner at Lancaster House, given in honour of the President of Tanzania, Mr Julius K. Nyerere.

Plumbers' Company

The Lord Mayor was a guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Plumbers' Company held at the Mansion House last night. The Master, Mr P. L. Steer, assisted by the Upper Warden, Mr M. B. Caroe, and the Renter Wardem Mr G. J. Marsh, received the guests. Mr L. J. Holliday also spoke.

Mr Leifland

The Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Leifland were hosts at a dinner given at their residency yesterday in honour of the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill. Other guests included:

Earl and Countess Spencer, Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP, and Lady Kershaw, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Lady Rossi, Mr Julian Critchley, MP, and Mrs Critchley, Dr Alan Glyn, MP, and Lady Rosalie Glyn, and Professor and Mrs R. J. Berry.

Latest wills

Sir William Barr McKinnon Duncan, of Kensington, London, chairman and chief executive Rolls-Royce, left £531,432 net.

Mr Ralph Anthony Hatrick, of Kensington, London, left £1,826,148 net.

Mr Charles Victor Lane, of Coulsdon, Surrey, a veteran of Croydon airport in its heyday and an authority on its history, left £15,624 net.

Mrs Florence Anne Millicent Emma Maxwell, of Kensington, London, left £160,561 net. After personal bequests totalling £12,000 she left the residue to the RAF Benevolent Fund in memory of her late husband, Group Captain G. H. H. Maxwell.

Elizabeth Mary Andrews, of Emsworth, Hampshire, left £84,763 net. After bequests she left the residue to the Communist Party of Great Britain, with the wish that half be used for the strengthening of the Morning Star.

Caine, Mr Eric Edward, of Mallorca, estate in England and Wales £239,113

Constance, Mr Arthur David, of Poole £348,087

Science report

Why the lobster went on coughing

By Stephen Young

American biologists are exploring ways of using the lobster to monitor pollution. The lobster has been shown to have a sensitive response to chemical stress, which could be exploited to show the presence of pollutants in the sea.

Apart from making direct measurements of pollution by chemical analysis of sea water and its fauna, there is a need for less complex methods based on the physiology and behaviour of animals. Such methods have been used to check the purity of drinking water: A trout's brain-waves, for instance show characteristic responses to chemicals in the water.

But the lobster could provide a method based on relatively simple observations of behaviour, according to Robert Bill and Frederick Thurberg, who work at the North-east Fisheries Centre at Milford, Connecticut.

The relevant factor is the lobster's method of respiration. Such animals extract dissolved oxygen from the sea by means of their feathery gills, which are hidden from view under the sides of the carapace.

A pair of special paddles, situated at the front of the gill chambers, beat rhythmically and pull a constant stream of water forward and over the gills. Those paddles glory in the name of "scaphognathites" or, more descriptively, gill bailers.

Many crustaceans such as crabs that use a similar system are also able to create a backward-directed flow of water by beating their gill bailers in reverse. That is a standard response to irritation of the delicate gills, either by a foreign particle, or by chemicals in the water.

But the lobster, which was previously thought to conform to that general pattern, is now known to deploy a distinctly different reaction to irritants, which is best described as a cough. The gill bailers block the apertures from which water normally issues, the muscles of the gill chambers contract and the offending water shoots out of the inhalant openings.

The scientists hope that the frequency with which the lobster coughs may yield a rough-and-ready measure of its exposure to a pollutant. Their tests in the laboratory have demonstrated that the lobster coughs twice as often as normal when the concentration of copper in the water is about 10 micrograms a litre (a microgram is a millionth of a gram).

Lobsters can survive levels of copper six times higher than that, so the new method is both highly sensitive and capable of revealing concentrations substantially below those that would kill the animal. Cadmium also elicits the coughing response, as do acids and alkalis.

Bill and Thurberg have begun field trials in Long Island Sound. They sited two groups of caged animals at one quarter of a mile and three miles respectively from a chemical dump, where sediment contaminated with metals and organic chemicals was being discarded.

Two weeks later, they hauled the lobsters to the surface and measured the rates at which the crustaceans coughed. Those lobsters unfortunate enough to have dwelt near the dump coughed twice as often as their less pollated counterparts.

Source: *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*, vol 80A, p 333.

English Drawings & Watercolours: Tuesday, 19 March at 11a.m., King Street: Of particular interest is a large and unique group of watercolours by the major Gothic Revival architect, George Edmund Street (1824-81). Consigned for sale by the artist's great-grandson, these record a tour on the Continent in the summer of 1868. There are views in the Alps, and of architectural subjects in Venice, Salzburg, Regensburg and Nuremburg. Estimates on the 80 watercolours range from £200 to £1,200. Also included is an album of pencil drawings of Italian architecture made by Street on an earlier tour of 1857, (£1,500 to £2,000). An important discovery is a new drawing by John Constable, dateable to the artist's residence at Brighton in the summer of 1824 (£10,000 to £15,000). *Entries for next sale close 15 April.*

Chinese Export Porcelain & Works of Art: Tuesday & Wednesday, 19 & 20 March at 10.30a.m. & 2.30p.m., King Street: Particularly strong in Armorial porcelain, this sale includes one of the most complete services seen on the market in recent years, bearing the arms of Grant of that Ilk, dating from circa 1810 and brilliantly decorated with figures in the Canton famille rose style (£7,500 to £11,000). Also notable are a fine pair of famille verte ewers and covers with the arms of Fortescue impaling Dormer (£3,500 to £5,000). The extensive famille rose section includes a magnificent black ground fish bowl of the Yongzheng period (£8,000 to £12,000) and the Works of Art a good selection of cloisonné wares. *Entries for next sale close 15 April.*

Modern Sporting Guns & Vintage Firearms: 20 March at 11a.m., King Street: This sale chiefly comprises modern sporting guns for use (17 pairs and over 50 individual guns in various gauges) by Atkin, Boss, Churchill, Dickson, Grant, Holland & Holland, Purdey, Westley Richards and other famous makers. Among the vintage, but still serviceable, items are a pair of Boss hammer ejector guns and a Bland-Nordenfelt punt-gun. The rifles include a Boss .303 double, a Soper 1868 Patent, a Godsal 1902 Patent, and a small group of match and 'M.B.L.' target rifles from the Wyatt family. There are also several pistols, gun-cases and an Ely cartridge-board. *Entries for next sale close 22 April.*

The Rouët Cellar of Fine Wines: 21 March at 10.30a.m., King Street: This exceptional collection belongs to one of France's most celebrated connoisseurs, M. Jacques Rouët, formerly Managing Director of Christian Dior. Consisting of more than 6,000 bottles, it includes a wide range of claret, from 1895 to 1980, all the outstanding vintages of this century being represented, many in large bottle sizes. It also features Sauternes dating from 1899, red Burgundy from 1904 and a very rare bottle of 1911 Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Also Mâconnais, Cahors, vintage Champagne and old Sherry, including seven bottles of the 1870 vintage from the cellars of H.I.H. The Prince Napoléon. The general condition of the wines is exceptional, having been stored undisturbed in M. Rouët's perfectly controlled Paris and Normandy cellars. *Entries for next sale close 1 April.*

Pictures & Drawings of the 19th & 20th Centuries: Friday, 22 March at 10.30a.m., King Street: An interesting Jean François Millet of a shepherd with sheep grazing is one of several highly important 19th Century pictures on offer. Another is a very beautiful Woman in Interior by the Danish symbolist Vilhelm Hammershøi. Lord Leighton's Greek Girl Dancing completes a trio of works each of which should realise a six figure sum. In addition there are examples of the work of Sir Edward Burne-Jones, the fashionable Norwegian landscape painter Frits Thaulow, the Dane C.W. Eckersberg, and an exceptional view of Athens by Andreas Marko. The Continental Watercolour section includes many attractive drawings at under £1,000. *Entries for next sale close 22 April.*

Important Continental Ceramics: Monday, 25 March at 10.30a.m., King Street: An intriguing link between Meissen and Sèvres is visible in a covered cup and stand made at Sèvres but decorated in puce with views of Dresden and Meissen; could the client have been the Maréchal de Saxe, illegitimate son of Augustus the Strong? (£6,000 to £8,000). Other fine products of the Meissen factory embellish an unusually interesting sale, which also offers a delightful pair of Tournai faience pug-dogs, estimate £3,000 to £5,000. *Entries for next sale close 29 April.*

Sunday View Christie's will be open on Sunday, 24 March from 2p.m. to 4.45p.m. for a special view of Impressionist and Modern Paintings, Sculpture, Watercolours and Drawings, Important Continental Ceramics, Important Continental Furniture and Tapestries.

For further information on these and other March sales please contact 01-839 9060 for King Street or 01-581 7611 for South Kensington. South Kensington are open every Monday evening until 7p.m. for viewing and free verbal valuations.

CHRISTIE'S
A WEEK IN VIEW

Sale room

Vegetable tureens back in fashion

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

British porcelain and pottery met a buoyant market at Christie's yesterday, leaving only 4 per cent of the sale unsold. The sterling-dollar exchange rate was again an important factor with many telephone bids from the United States and others from Australia, giving the sale a strong international flavour.

Competition for the very decorative eighteenth-century tureens in the form of vegetables took Christie's by surprise. A pair of Chelsea tureens and covers of about 1755 naturalistically modelled as globe artichokes, made £17,280 where Christie's had been estimating only £5,000 to £7,000. On top of each tureen, forming handles, colourful finches are pecking a the fleshy leaves.

The tureens sold to Vandekar, the London dealer, who also bought a Longton Hall tureen and cover modelled as a round yellow melon with its stalk forming a handle and its leaves a stand. He again paid far more than the Christie estimate of £4,000 to £5,000 with a finishing bid of £10,800. It is of the same period as the Chelsea tureens.

Another significant feature of the sale was the renewed demand for Wedgwood. An exceptionally rare blue and white jasper portrait medallion of Henry William, 2nd Earl of Uxbridge and 1st Marquis of Anglesey, dating from about 1830, sold for £5,940 against Christie's estimate of £400 to £600. Only one other example, now in the Stoke-on-Trent City Museum, is recorded.

Black basalt plaques also made big prices. A Wedgwood and Bentley oval plaque of "Boys as Musicians", of about 1775, was sold for £2,376 (estimate £800 to £1,200) and another depicting the "War of Jupiter and the Titans" made £2,052 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000).

Sotheby's sale of twentieth-century decorative arts in Monaco on Sunday met a mixed reception with a total of £667,156, and 16 per cent unsold. A stark geometric desk built from wood and iron by Pierre Charcau in about 1930 brought the top price of the day at 555,000 French francs (estimate FF350,000 to FF450,000), or £49,443.

A lacquer and copper cupboard designed by Eugen Prinz of about the same date made another high price at FF466,200 (estimate FF300,000 to FF400,000), or £41,532. Both were sold to private collectors.

Among the surprises of the sale was a big copper vase (108cm high) modelled with complete simplicity in the form of an amphora by Jean Dunand, which was bid to FF321,900 (estimate FF40,000 to FF60,000), or £28,677, by a private collector from Germany. There were bidders from Japan, Switzerland, Austria, Canada and the United States.

£615,000 paid for German stamp

A rare nineteenth-century German stamp printed on the wrong paper has been sold at an auction in Wiesbaden for 2.3 million marks, or £615,000, to an anonymous United States collector (Reuter reports).

The nine-farthing stamp on a letter posted in August 1851 is printed on green instead of purplish paper. Only three of the stamps, called the "Baden misprint", are known to exist. The auctioneers, Heinrich Koehler, said the figure was a world record in marks.

The stamp was sold by a United States collector, Mr John Boker jnr, from his collection of old German state stamps.

Eager bidding pays off for England

England scored a very convincing win against Wales in the first round of the Camrose Bridge Series at the weekend, winning 12-0, 10-2, 12-0 (a Bridge Correspondent writes). Scotland, who had started 19 points behind, could only manage 8-4, 10-2, 6-6 against Northern Ireland. The English players were eager to get into the bidding at all costs. Although that led them into some setbacks the tactic clearly paid off in the long run.

Final scores: England 88, Scotland 59, Northern Ireland 38, Wales 31.

Teams at Cheltenham, England: R S Brock and A Forrester, G T Kirby and J M Armstrong. Dr A P Sowter and S J Lodge. (non-playing captain, K Stanley); Wales: R Upton and P Jourdain, A Pierce and Mrs M Pierce, A Casey and Mrs J Casey (non-playing captain, J Isaac).

At Perth, Scotland: W Coyle and B Sheridan, D Diamond and F Arthur, A H Duncan and B D Short (non-playing captain, W Mitchell); Northern Ireland, M Rosenberg and S Hall, B Senior and H Campbell, I Lindsay and R Anderson (non-playing captain, J Paul).

Felsted School

The following awards were made in the 1985 entrance scholarships

Academic and music scholarships: P Cutting, Habberley Junior School; A F Hayes, St John's College School.

Academic scholarships: M J Clarkson, Town Close House; A J Martin, Edge Grove; J E H Buston, Felsted Preparatory School; T D Jessiss, Felsted Preparatory School; P S Mandair, Alleyn Court; E R Caley, Felsted Preparatory School; W T C Seccombe, Lockers Park; J Edmond, Felsted Preparatory School.

Art and music scholarships: B M Stainer, King's School, Ely; I A Phillips, Felsted Preparatory School.

Art scholarships: S P Walker, Felsted Preparatory School; J C Houlding, Alleyn Court; S Kholos, Felsted Preparatory School.

St John's School, Leatherhead

Mr Mr Charles Whitby, QC (OJ) has been appointed Chairman of the Council of St John's School, Leatherhead.

Royal Society head

Sir George Porter, FRS, Fullerian Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, has been nominated by the council of the Royal Society to succeed Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, as president of the Society when his five-year term ends on November 30.

University news

Kent

Dr Shirley A. Barlow, senior lecturer in classics, has been elected Master of Eliot College from April 23, in succession to Mr D. Taylor.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev P P K Robin, Rector of Lyng with Sparham and Elsing with Bylaugh, diocese of Norwich, to be Priest-in-charge of Holm Cultram, St Mary, diocese of Carlisle.

The Rev A Robinson, Assistant Priest of St Paul's, Tottenham, diocese of London, to be Team Vicar of Leicester, The Resurrection, diocese of Leicester.

The Rev G D Taylor, Vicar of St Philip, Lutherland, diocese of Liverpool, to the united benefice of Burton Pidsea and Humbleton with Elsternwick, diocese of York.

OBITUARY

PROF D. P. WALKER
Historian of ideas

Professor D. P. Walker, FBA, Professor of the History of the Classical Tradition at the Warburg Institute, University of London, from 1975 to 1981, died on March 10 at the age of 70.

Daniel Pickering Walker, known as "Perkin", was born on June 30, 1914, and educated at Westminster.

Despite a First in French at Christ Church and a DPhil he never warmed to Oxford. After a war spent partly as a Corporal in the Intelligence Corps, partly in the Foreign Office, he was elected to University College London, where the Fielden Professor, Brian Woledge, encouraged him to begin forming a new generation of French Renaissance scholars – students coming to him from all over the world.

In 1961 he crossed to the Warburg Institute, where his scholarship complemented that of Otto Kurz, Frances Yates, Ernst Gombrich and J. B. Trapp. He continued to work closely with the French Renaissance scholars of UCL.

Much of Walker's work on music, literature and intellectual history centred on religion. He never doubted the central importance of Christianity for the history of ideas but never yielded the slightest validity to Christianity's claim to be true.

About 1950 he began revolutionizing understanding of Renaissance magic and of the Prisca Theologia – that ancient Theology seemingly rived from Moses and Her Trismegistus. His two book these topics. *The An Theology* (1971) – which tends his concern with plat ing Christianity into the century – and his *Spiritual Demonic Magic from Ficir Campanella* (1958) are mc of scholarship.

In later years Walker d oped a deep bu bala pessimism. This, as well concern with theories practices of punishment morals and teleology, led tc books, welcomed by schola all persuasions. *The Decli Hell* (1964) and *Unclean S* (1981) – the latter based o Lord Northcliffe lecture UCL. A collection of hitar edited by a recent stu Penelope Gouk, is to ap soon.

Walker was elected to British Academy in 1974 the professorship in the Hi of the Classical Traditic 1975; it was a chair to whi was peculiarly suited bot his mastery of ancient modern languages and his of the history of ideas. O retirement in 1981 he elected an honorary res fellow at the Warburg.

Walker never sought headlines. He was an a naturaliter Warburgiens scholars' scholar. His wr have a distinctive freshnes originality.

MISS JEAN PURDY

Miss Jean Purdy, who has died after a short acute illness at the early age of 39 joined the team of R. G. Edwards and P. C. Steptoe in 1968, at which time they were carrying out research designed to help women sterile because of serious disease of the oviducts essential for the establishment of pregnancy.

She became a skilled technician working in the Physiological Laboratory in Cambridge University in the field of human reproduction. She took part in the research which discovered how and when human eggs became mature, how they could be fertilized, and grown outside the body to lead to the formation of normal embryos.

She was the first person in the world to recognise and describe the formation of the early human blastocyst foll fertilization outside the bo

She contributed much establishment of the eth embryo care so essential development of treatme infertile couples, with regard to the moral and issues involved. She p pated in the detailed ex ation of embryonic nucl their chromosome lements, an essential resea be conducted before the p could be applied clinically

Her contributions t Bourn Hall techniques l to he successful births 370 so called "test tube b encouraged the establishn many clinics all over the v

She will be sadly mis the team of doctors, sc and nurses at Bourn Hall and not least by the patie

UNA VENNING

Una Venning, the actress, who died on March 9, aged 91, was conspicuous between the wars, especially in parts needing her poise and gift of evoking sympathy. Tall, deep-voiced, and utterly reliable, she appeared in work by such dramatists as Milne, Lonsdale, Dodie Smith, and – after the war – Maugham and Coward.

Born at Bedford on November 12 1893, she studied at RADA, and made her debut, at 18, in *The Flag Lieutenant* at Ipswich. She toured as Muriel in *Milestones* and played the part in America during 1912. In London at the beginning of the war she was in Hubert Henry Davies's *Outcast* at Wyndham's.

Absent from the stage between 1916 and 1920, she began a run that included three plays with Gerald du Maurier, *The Dancers*, *Not In Our Stars*; and Milne's *To Have the Honour*, all at Wyndham's. For the RADA Players (1926) she was the wife in Bernard's *The Sulky Fire*; soon afterwards, at the St James's, she took over Mrs Wynton in Lonsdale's *The Last of Mrs Cheyney*, a very different matter, and for a while played Gladys Cooper's role of Mrs Cheyney.

From the Countess i nar's *The Swan* (St 1930) she went to New Novelo's *Symphony i Flats*. During the early she was often "taking ov as in October 1934, unde ing both Marie Tempe Madge Titheradge in *Royal* at the Lyric.

But much, of course, in her own right, notabl in Dodie Smith's *Dear* (Queen's 1938); she retu the part in the Adelphi of 1940).

After war work for thr she reappeared (New I Corneli in *The First Man*; and later had such *Jasmine* in Tyrone G *Top of the Ladder* (St 1950) and Lady Sor Maughan's little known *and Fishs* (New Bolton For 18 months betwee and 193 she was W BBC's dama repertor pany. During the aut 1960, in Coward's *Wa the Wings* (Duke of Yo joined a cast of distir elderly actresses led t Thorn dike

She was married twic late Malcolm Cherry a to G. Hamilton Gay.

MR E. W. EVANS

J. M. C. writes:

One who, like Nestor, outlives three generations of men, is liable to slip away unnoticed. But Walter Evans, CMG, who died on February 25 at the age of 95, deserves at least a brief tribute.

I knew him well only at the end of the Second World War, when we worked closely together in a branch of the Control Commission which received from Potsdam the remit to re-establish administration and local government in the British Zone of Germany on a democratic basis. Some of the credit for whatever success we had must go to Walter, whose clear-sighted common-sense and healthy scepticism complemented and contained the heady enthusiasm of some of his colleagues.

His career had started at Marlborough and continued at Corpus (Oxford). Like so many with a first in Greats, he entered the Colonial Service. His first appointment in 1913 found him the sole British repre in the islanc of Pemb followed posings in Ea and in the Caribbean, was created CMG whi his mid-thirties.

He retired n 1939 post of Colonial Secr Mauritius, where he quently acted as Gove Commander-in-Chief.

He had twice Derbyshire Second XI leave; he played hocke Africa; he won a poeti in Mauritius – and o poems, a carol, was by the BBC on Christ 1944.

During the wa he Gibraltar as Colonial to Lord Gort.

After leaving Ger 1946, he was employe years in the History ment of Bristol Univer

His wife Margaret 1976. He leaves a dau two sons, one of who as Sir Richard Evans British Ambassador in

THE MARQUESS OF BRISTO

Mr Michael Wynne-Parker writes:

Victor Frederick Cochrane Hervey, 6th Marquess of Bristol, who died on March 10 in Monte Carlo, aged 69, was the son of the 5th Marquess and Lady Jean Cochrane, daughter of the 12th Earl of Dundonald.

He was born on October 6th, 1915, and was educated at Eton and Sandhurst.

He had business connections in many countries of the world, particularly South America. His deep concern for the traditions of monarchy found most suitable expression in his role as Chancellor of The Monarchist League. His frequent and often satirical contributions to the *Monarchist* will be missed by its many readers.

His interests were royalty, yachting and considerable knowled tiques, building up a s collection of 19th paintings.

He was also vice-pr the East Region of th Speaking Union.

Essentially a privat was deeply appreciati small circle of friends, his loyalty was second

He was married Pauline Bolton, and one son, John, who i secondly, to Juliet, d he 8th Earl Fitzwil had a son, Nicholas; Yvonne Sutton, mot youngest son, Frederi two daughters, Vic Isabella.

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £20,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

1984-85 High Low Stock — Price Ch'ge — Int. yld % — Gross div. yld % — Red.

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

98.12	93.25	Treas	9¾	1985	98.12		3.957	14.082	
100¹⁵/₃₂	99¹⁵/₃₂	Treas	11¾	1985	99¹⁵/₃₂	+¹/₃₂	11.581	13.089	
99⅝	99⅛	Treas C	8½	1985	99⅛	+¼	8.589	12.720	
104¼	99⅝	Exch	12¾	1985	99⅝	+¼	12.273	12.483	
100¼	99⅝	Exch	12¾	1985	99⅝	+¼	11.787	12.094	
100⅛	99⅝	Treas C	12½	1985	99⅝	+¼	11.787	12.094	
99⅝	98¼	Treas	3½	1985	99¼		3.196	5.634	
100⅛	99⅜	Exch C	10¾	1986	99⅜	+¼	10.887	12.161	
100⅛	99⅜	Treas	12¾	1986	99⅜	+¼	12.009	12.309	
99⅝	95¾	Treas	3½	1986-88	95¾	+¼	3.664	11.860	
104⅛	102¼	Exch	14¾	1986	103⅛	+¼	13.613	11.986	
96¾	94¼	Exch	2¾	1986	95¾	+¼	2.903	9.833	
107¼	103⅛	Exch	15¾	1987	105¾	+¼	12.554	11.816	
101¾	99⅛	Treas C	10¾	1987	99⅛	+¼	10.854	11.735	
99⅛	95¾	Exch	3¾	1987	95¾	+¼	2.855	9.866	
105¼	99⅛	Exch	10¾	1987	99⅛	+¼	10.735	11.746	
99⅝	95¾	Fund	6¾	1985-87	95¾	+¼	7.148	11.446	
99⅝	95¾	Treas	3½	1987-88	95¾	+¼	3.472	9.866	
97⅝	91⅝	Treas	3½	1987	91⅝	+¼	3.471	9.866	
105¼	97¼	Treas	12¾	1987	100¼	+¼	11.970	11.873	
95⅛	87⅝	Treas	3½	1987-88	91¼	+¼	3.485	11.149	
100⅝	92⅝	Treas C	10¾	1988	96⅝	+¼	10.863	11.350	
96⅝	91¼	Treas C	9¾	1988	94¾	+¼	10.311	11.803	
92⅝	78¾	Trans	3½	1976-88	83¼	+¼	3.612	9.073	
99⅝	93¾	Trans	3½	1988	93¾	+¼	10.185	11.864	
99⅝	93¾	Trans	3½	1988	93¾	+¼	10.185	11.711	
96¾	90¾	Treas C	9½	1988	93¾	+¼	10.238	11.759	
103⅝	96⅝	Treas	10¾	1989	97⅝	+¼	10.977	11.815	
101⅝	95⅝	Exch	10¾	1989	97⅝	+¼	10.938	11.795	
101⅛	95⅝	Exch	10¾	1989	97⅝	+¼	11.328	11.797	
104⅜	97¾	Trans	5¾	1988-89	97¾	+¼	5.116	10.097	
114¾	94¾	Treas	13¾	1990	104¾	+¼	12.396	11.538	
99⅛	96⅛	Exch	11¾	1990	97¼	+¼	11.304	11.723	

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

119¾	89¾	Exch	12¾	1990	102¾	+¼	12.169	11.731	
99¾	84¾	Treas	8¾	1987-90	97¾	+¼			
100⅝	95¾	Treas C	9¾	1990	95¾	+¼	10.808	11.858	
109¾	82¾	Treas	11¾	1991	101¾	+¼	11.602	11.846	
84¾	79¾	Fund	5¾	1987-91	81¾	+¼	7.043	9.853	
108⅝	93¾	Exch	12¾	1991	100¾	+¼	11.382	11.757	
114¾	98⅝	Treas	12¾	1992	105⅝	+¼	12.187	11.705	
100⅝	88	Treas	10¾	1992	93¾	+¼	10.792	11.586	
107¾	89¾	Treas C	10¾	1992	100	+¼	11.099	11.822	
111¾	93¾	Exch	12¾	1992	103⅝	+¼	11.979	11.781	
117¾	97¾	Exch	13¾	1993	107¾	+¼	12.545	11.998	
113¾	93¾	Treas	12¾	1993	103⅝	+¼	12.061	11.772	
79¾	77¾	Fund	9¾	1993	77¾		7.746	10.001	
121¾	101¾	Treas	13¾	1993	113¾	+¼	12.468	11.565	
129¾	108¾	Exch	13¾	1994	119¾	+¼	12.805	11.708	
120⅝	100	Exch	13¾	1994	114	+¼	12.418	11.905	
114¾	98¾	Exch	12¾	1994	108¾	+¼	12.033	11.810	
94¾	83	Treas	9¾	1994	89¾	+¼	10.227	11.118	
116¾	96¾	Exch	12¾	1995	109¾	+¼	11.836	11.747	
99¾	58¾	Exch	3¾	1990-95	93¾	+¼	4.569	7.842	
109⅝	89¾	Exch	10¾	1995	101¾	+¼	11.109	11.351	
121¾	101¾	Exch	13¾	1995	114¾	+¼	11.881	11.878	
124¾	104¾	Exch	13¾	1995	117¾	+¼	11.881	11.878	
94¾	83¾	Treas	9¾	1992-96	89¾	+¼	10.289	11.135	
135¾	113¾	Exch	15¾	1996	128¾	+¼	12.882	11.882	
122¾	109¾	Exch	13¾	1996	115¾	+¼	12.082	11.811	
120¾	100¾	Treas	12¾	1997	113¾	+¼	11.139	11.287	
104¾	87¾	Exch	10¾	1997	98	+¼	11.140	11.391	
99¾	77¾	Exch	8¾	1997	94¾	+¼	10.377	11.098	
136¾	117¾	Exch	15¾	1997	128¾	+¼	12.274	11.880	
97¾	85¾	Exch	10¾	1997	91¾	+¼	10.787	11.183	
97¾	87	Exch 'A'	10¾	1998	92¾	+¼	10.863	11.184	
114¾	97¾	Exch	12¾	1998-95	107¾	+¼	11.819	10.765	
135¾	113¾	Exch	15¾	1998	127¾	+¼	12.389	11.432	
114¾	97¾	Exch	12¾	1998	107¾	+¼	11.858	11.433	
116¾	103¾	Exch	12¾	1999	109¾	+¼	11.640	11.032	
104¾	89¾	Exch	10¾	1999	97¾	+¼	11.572	11.483	
104¾	89¾	Exch	10¾	1999	97¾	+¼	11.083	11.188	
102¾	88¾	Conv	10¾	1999	96¾	+¼	10.961	11.186	

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

129¾	105¾	Treas	13¾	2000	114¾	+¼	11.883	11.353	
129¾	111¾	Treas	14¾	1998-01	120¾	+¼	12.068	11.691	
119¾	98	Exch	12¾	2000-02	109¾	+¼	11.486	11.556	
139¾	119¾	Treas	13¾	2000-03	116¾	+¼	11.758	11.382	
115	100¾	Treas	11¾	2001-04	104	+¼	11.063	10.964	
91¾	45¾	Exch	3½	1993-04	49¾	+¼	7.250	9.375	
101¾	94¾	Exch	10¾	2002	100¾	+¼	10.598	10.605	
132¾	107¾	Treas	12¾	2003-05	116¾	+¼	11.140	10.947	
97¾	76¾	Treas	8¾	2002-06	85¾	+¼	9.855	10.316	
117¾	99¾	Treas	11¾	2003-07	105¾	+¼	11.259	10.977	
132¾	110¾	Treas	13¾	2004-08	119¾	+¼	11.597	10.987	
95¾	56	Treas	5½	2008-12	83	+¼	9.344	9.865	
95¾	81¾	Treas	7¾	2012-15	79¾	+¼	9.553	10.080	
124¾	105¾	Exch	12¾	2013-17	116¾	+¼	10.579	10.558	

UNDATED

41¾	36	Consols	4%		38¾	+¼	10.439	10.439	
37¾	33¾	War Ln	3½%		34¾	+¼	10.343	10.343	
45¾	40¾	Conv	5%		41¾	+¼	8.958	8.958	
31¾	27¾	Treas	2½%		28¾	+¼	10.080	10.080	
29¾	25¾	Consols	2½%		26¾	+¼	10.366	10.366	
18¾	16¾	Cnsl Ac	2½%		17¾	+¼	10.457	10.457	

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111	99¾	Treas IL	2%	1988	110¾	+¼	2.151	4.173	
107¾	95	Treas IL	2%	1990	107¾	+¼	2.194	2.405	
114¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½%	1996	114¾		2.291	3.358	
108¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½%	2001	108¾	+¼	2.747	3.304	
108¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½%	2003	108¾		2.769	3.121	
107¾	99¾	Treas IL	2½%	2006	107¾		2.769	3.063	
104	97¾	Treas IL	2½%	2009	104		2.776	3.053	
31	97¾	Treas IL	2½%	2011	107¾		2.788	3.062	
31	97¾	Treas IL	2½%	2013	107¾		2.788	3.062	
99¾	85¾	Treas IL	2½%	2016	99¾		2.795	2.986	
	81¾	Treas IL	2½%	2020	99¾		2.778	2.961	

BREWERIES

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div. yld pence %	P/E
180	135	Allied-Lyons	179	–1	10.0	8.8 10.5
544	368	Bass	537	–1	18.4	3.4 13.5
178	138	Bell (Arthur)	161		6.6	4.0 6.6
98	70	Boddingtons	88	+1	3.5	3.9 11.7
413	336	Brown (Matthew)	406	+7	17.7	4.3 20.3
238	189	Burton (M P)	238		7.5	3.1 8.6
238	206	Clark (Matthew)	230		10.5	4.5 10.0
144	124	Devenish (J A)	144		10.4	7.2 15.5
241	224	Distillers	230		16.5	7.1 9.5
448	382	Forshaws Burton	448		13.0g	2.9 11.7
167	118	Greenall Whitley	154		8.4	5.4 12.4
198	148	Greene King	154		9.5	6.1 12.4
258	116	Guinness (A)	253		12.5	4.9 11.4
364	277	Hardys & Hansons	349		21.5	6.1 13.7
78	53	Highland Distl	77		2.6	3.3 15.8
184	124	Invergordon Distl	134	+1	5.1	4.5 9.1
175	128	Irish Distl	148		6.8	4.1	
89	69	Matthew (Thompson)	85		4.2	4.9 14.4
197	168	Morland	197		8.2	4.2 11.4
480	368	SA Breweries	480			
147¾	109¾	Scot & Newc	137		7.8	5.8 16.3
49	32	Seagram	37			
353	282	Vaux	333		14.4	5.1 11.4
227	178	Whitbread 'A'	193		8.2	4.2 10.1
227	178	Whitbread Inv	193		8.2	4.2 10.1
178	138	Whitbread 'A'	174	+4	8.6	5.0 28.4
312	224	Wolverhmptn & D	238		10.9	3.8 12.9
283	205	Young 'A'	238		6.6	4.2 16.4

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

178	125	Allied Irish	113	–22	9.0	8.0			
191	160	Ambacher (Henry)	168		8.0b	7.7	39.2		
338	243	Aus New Z	278	–5	20.0	10.3			
18¾	10¾	Bank Americas	17⅛	–⅛					
35⅞	28¾	Bank Of Ireland	34⅞		17.0c	7.9			
15¾	7¾	Bank Leumi Israel	15¾						
245	185	Bank Leumi UK	230		14.5	6.6	12.8		
500	380	Bank Of Scotland	472		30.7	6.4	6.7		
654	524	Barclays	574	–16	37.1b	6.5	9.8		
448	328	Brown Shipley	428		12.1	3.0	13.7		
583	458	Cater Allen	558		41.3	7.7	9.1		
31	24½	Charles	29	–½	2.1	7.3	9.7		
85	62	Chase Manhattan	67		3.6d	5.7			
78	45	Citicorp	68		2.6	5.4			
78	46	Clive	67		5.1	7.7	12.2		
131	103	Com Bank Wales	129		12.7	10.1	6.1		
49	38	Commercials	0457		6.0	6.1			
117¾	91¾	Deutsche Bank	£116¾		1209	10.3			

BUILDING AND ROADS

202	158	Aberdeen Constr	182		9.4	6.9	8.2		
282	195	Arlen	248		15.0	6.0	10.1		
71	45	Arrollfite	56						
110	78¼	Ashwoods	110		6.0	5.4	5.5		
281	222	BPB Industries	269		16.4	6.1	14.8		
231	182	Baggeridge Brick	231		12.0	5.2	11.9		
58	42	Bamer Gray	58		2.9	5.0	4.4		
45	27	Bailey(Eng) Constr	30		1.6	5.3	6.0		
184	118	Beazer	118		10.0	8.5	7.7		
77	53	Bestobell	77		4.2	5.4	13.2		
99	73	Bickerby	99		5.0	5.0	7.7		
208	146	Blackwood Hodge	208		15.0	7.2	15.0		
88	66	Blue Circle	88		4.5	5.1	15.5		
215	182	Bowater&Cloud Hill	210		12.0	5.7	10.7		
84	62	Brickhouse Dudley	84		4.6	5.5	9.9		
78	47	Br Dredging	78						
78	47	Brown&Jackson	77		4.0	5.2	7.5		
71	47	Brownlee	71		3.1	4.4	7.5		
77	55	Bryant	77		3.5	4.5	7.5		
92	62	Burmah & Hollins	92		4.3	4.7	21.2		
145	108	Cadogan&Rotary	145		4.5	3.1	7.9		
47	47	Carr (J) Doncaster	47		2.1	4.5			
68	47	Cement-Roadstone	68		1.0	1.5			
47	47	Condor Int	47		2.0	4.2			
254	224	Costain	254		20.0	8.0	8.1		
245	174	Countryside	215		7.2	3.3	12.5		
108	88	Crouch (Derek)	108		7.7	8.0	21.0		
92	62	Crouch Group	92		4.9	5.3	7.5		
111	88	Dew (George)	111						
118	82	Douglas (Hld)	118		2.5c	2.1	10.4		
83	62	Ellis	83		3.8	4.6	6.1		
108	82	Fab	108		3.8	3.5	12.4		
118	82	Do 'A'	118		3.8	3.2	14.1		
197	71	Fairclough Const	197		8.1	4.1	6.3		
154	110	French Kier	150		8.1	5.4	10.1		
71	51	Galliford	71		3.0	4.2	6.3		
115	105	Glitre & Dendy Ord	110		6.0	5.5	47.8		
238	169	Gleeson (M J)	218		7.1	3.3	6.3		
95	72	HAT	95		4.9	5.2	7.5		
33	18	Halliwell Bar	29						
41	32	Hawden-Stuart	41		2.0	4.9	8.2		
161	135	Heywood Williams	161		8.1	5.0	8.1		
238	190	Higgs & Hill	238		10.7	4.5	8.9		
177	137	Hill	177		8.1	4.6	6.9		
238	182	Hoskyns Johnson	238		8.1	3.4	15.9		
238	182	Jarvis (J) & Sons	238		8.0	3.4	15.9		
238	182	Lilley (H)	238		7.5	3.2	15.9		
217	174	Do 'A'	217		7.5	3.5	14.5		
244	186	Lawrence (Walter)	224		14.6	6.5	8.0		
97	69	Lilley (FJC)	97		4.3	4.4	8.0		
220	156	Lovell (Y J)	199		8.8	4.5	10.0		
139	104	Magnet & Southn	132		6.7	5.0	8.7		
51	24	Manders	51		1.0	2.0	15.5		
238	182	Marshalls (Halifax)	238		11.4	4.8	7.3		
238	182	May & Hassell	238		11.4	4.8	9.1		
238	182	McAlpine (Alfred)	264		15.7	5.9	8.9		
156	112	Meyer Int	112		7.8	6.9	8.9		
15	15	Miller (Stanley)							
135	103	Monk (A)	135		9.3	7.4	6.9		
204	164	Mowlem (John)	204		16.0	7.5	8.5		
144	112	Newarthill	144		14.5	10.1	6.9		
916	916	Nottingham Brick	916		7.1	4.3	12.9		
104	104	Pearson (CH) Sons	104		6.5	6.3	6.9		
104	104	Phoenix Timber	104		6.5	6.3	6.9		
180	180	Pochins	180		17.0	9.4	4.1		
376	376	RMC	376		17.8	4.8	11.9		
238	182	Redland	238		13.9	4.8	11.9		
180	180	Roberts Adlard	110		8.8	7.8	10.9		
238	182	Rowlinson Secs	238		8.8	3.9	8.9		
261	199	Rubergid	261		8.6	3.3	14.4		
140	140	Rugby Cement	137		8.6	6.7	11.3		
157	157	Scib	157		8.6	5.5	11.8		
71	67	Sharpe & Fisher	67		3.2	4.7	9.3		
71	67	Sindall (J)	67		3.2	4.7	9.3		
360	285	Tarmac	360		20.0	4.0	13.2		
177	116	Taylor Woodrow	168		17.5	4.8	11.1		
134	88	Tilbury Group	134		8.4	4.9	10.8		
378	248	Travis & Arnold	248		10.1	4.3	13.6		
107	85	Trent	85		1.4	1.4	13.6		
343	185	Tunnel	185		10.6	3.8	7.0		
197	125	UBM	139		10.6	7.2	10.5		
139	93	Vibroplant	139		12.5b	9.0	14.2		
184	144	Ward	184		9.4	5.1	9.5		
165	68	Do Dfd	164				9.5		
104	68	Warrington (T)	68		6.8	10.0	7.5		
263	180	Watts Blake	263		8.1	3.1	13.7		
71	71	Wilcon Bros	71						
41	41	Wiggins	41						
166	166	Wilson (Connolly)	184		3.7	2.0	9.8		
166	85	Wimpey (George)	98		4.4	4.4	7.4		

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

28	18½	AKZO N/V Bearer	226		400	14.3			
256	146½	Allied Colloids	241		9.0	1.2	27.6		
277	203	Amersham	268		10.0	3.7	23.2		
272	63	Anchor Chemical	268		3.0	1.1	28.8		
63	43	Arrow Chemical	63		2.4	3.8	10.8		
63	39½	Bayer DM50	0811		700	11.4			
		Blagden			16.0				
197	84	Brent Chems	125		4.2	3.4	23.0		
17½	9½	Br Bexcel	11¾		0.6	5.4	14.3		
91	61	Br Tar Products	83		5.0	6.0	7.7		
77	77	Canning (W)	77		4.0	5.2	14.3		
243	151	Coalite	238		8.4	3.5	11.0		
100	70	Coalite Bros	178		6.0a	3.4	11.4		
78	70	Do 'A'	143		6.0a	4.2	9.5		
70	70	Cory (Horace)	70		2.5	3.6	19.6		
135	78	Crodda	135		10.6	7.3	16.0		
89	89	Do Dfd	89						
244	186	Ellis & Everard	244		9.2	3.8	22.6		
108	86	Halstead (James)	98		5.0	5.6	8.8		
473	330	Hickson	473		14.3	3.1	12.5		
159	96	Honeywell DM50	159						
797	530	Imp Chem Ind	797		48.9	6.4	8.1		
428	234	Laporte	403		10.8	2.7	22.8		
113	81	Leigh	101		3.6	3.5	27.8		
197	118	Pharmi	218		4.7	1.8	25.8		
175	119	Rentokil	159		2.8	1.7	25.8		
130	53	SNIA BPD	124						
116	89	Stewart Plastic	108		3.6	3.3	15.1		
176	120	Waterlow Hme Pink	176		7.0	3.9	14.8		
67	38	Yorkshire Chem	63		2.5	3.9	14.8		

CINEMAS AND TV

196	148	Anglia TV 'A'	148		11.4	7.7	10.2		
114	88	Grampian	96		6.6	6.8	6.2		
189	98	HTV N/V	143		10.0	7.0	6.9		
189	98	LWT 'A'	245	+5					
192	98	Scot TV 'A'	145		11.9	7.7	7.3		
189	79	TVS N/V	133		8.6	6.4	7.7		
37	24	TSW	29		2.1	7.4	7.3		

DRAPERY AND STORES

498	298	ASH	358		18.4	3.8	7.8		
129	88	Associated 'A'	129		4.9	3.8	13.5		
129	88	Beadle (James) 'A'	129		4.9	3.8	13.5		
81	48	Bentalls	81		2.5	3.1	17.5		
281	181	Brown (N)	281		8.5	3.0	16.5		
372	150	Br Home Stores	372		11.4	3.1	16.5		
474	211	Burton	462		16.1	3.5	16.1		
500	410	Cand (A) &Sons	412		28.6	6.9	7.4		
21	12	Clarkson	20				13.8		
38	28	Cooke (S)	38		1.9	5.0	6.6		
58	38	Church	58		2.7	4.6	14.7		
238	182	Combined English	238		15.7	6.6	8.2		
140	98	Courts (Furn) 'A'	105		6.7	6.4	15.2		
215	141	Debenhams	215		11.1	5.2	13.3		
215	41	Dewhirst (J)	215		1.4	1.5	16.2		
238	182	Dixons	238		11.4	4.8	12.7		
238	182	Dunns	238		11.4	4.8	11.3		
393	393	Ellis & Goldstein	393		3.5	4.4	12.7		
288	288	Elys (Wimbledon)	288		10.7	3.7	12.7		
116	116	Empire Stores	116		3.5	3.0	12.7		
148	113	Etam	148		3.5	2.6	25.1		
68	37	Executive Clothes	68						
47	47	Fine Art Dev	47						
238	182	Ford (Harold)	238		11.4	4.8	8.5		
238	182	Forminster	238		11.4	4.8	8.5		
238	182	Foster Bros	238		11.4	4.8	8.5		
238	182	Freemans	238		11.4	4.8	13.6		
238	182	Galt (A)	238		11.4	4.8	13.6		
210	136	Gent SR	148		3.6	2.4	13.2		
238	182	Goldberg (A)	238		11.4	4.8	8.5		
49	38	Goldsmiths Gp	49		1.9	3.9	19.6		
238	182	Greenfield Blacks	238		11.4	4.8	8.5		
49	38	Do 'A'	49						
754	484	Habitat Mothercare	754		28.6				
178	98	Harris Queensway	178		9.9				
238	182	Helene Of London	238		11.4	4.8	8.5		
238	182	Hepworths (J)	238		11.4	4.8	13.6		
238	182	Holtom	238		11.4	4.8	13.6		
238	182	Horsfall DM50	238						
797	530	Imp Chem Ind	797		48.9	6.4	8.1		
428	234	Laporte	403		10.8	2.7	22.8		
113	81	Leigh	101		3.6	3.5	27.8		
197	118	Pharmi	218		4.7	1.8	25.8		
175	119	Rentokil	159		2.8	1.7	25.8		
130	53	SNIA BPD	124						
116	89	Stewart Plastic	108		3.6	3.3	15.1		
176	120	Waterlow Hme Pink	176		7.0	3.9	14

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lawson starts to look like a lucky general

Though the new figures for manufacturing output (down 0.4 per cent in January) were somewhat discouraging, almost all the financial news yesterday was running in the Chancellor's favour.

The dollar sank under the ripples from the troubles in Ohio, according to James Thurber an area well known for panicky reactions. The thought that Paul Volcker would loosen the reins and lower American interest rates to prevent a domestic banking crisis brightened sterling. The pound rose 2.32 cents to close at $1.1067 in London, and topped $1.11 during early trading in New York. Record deficit figures for the American balance of payments on current account further shook the dollar, which was also falling against the German mark; but on this occasion the pound was the main beneficiary of dollar weakness.

Sterling was bolstered by surprising figures for public borrowing in February, which were up to £1 billion better than the markets were expecting. They showed that the Government was able to repay £225 million of public sector debt in February, bringing the cumulative public sector borrowing requirement for 11 months of 1984-85 to only £7.6 billion.

Meanwhile the oil markets were infected by news calculated to support sterling. The escalation of the Iran-Iraq war was the most obvious factor; but to cap it all, Sheikh Yamani dispersed residual worries about the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' reaction to the abolition of the British National Oil Corporation by saying that it "might not be a negative development". This comfort from Saudi Arabia was barely dented by the Nigerian Oil Minister's less polite reaction: even he said there was no need to over-react to BNOC's demise.

Thus the pound gained a full point on its trade-weighted index, to close at 73.0 – the highest closing level since January 1. Nigel Lawson is beginning to look a little more like the kind of lucky general Mrs Thatcher wants, and will be able to claim some of the rewards of financial probity this afternoon.

In the Budget he will obliged to give us the Treasury's lates estimate of the public borrowing requirement for the whole 12 months of 1984-85. This figure should not inspire too much confidence: it has been known to have been proved wrong by as much as £2 billion when the actual outturn for the financial year is published a few weeks after Budget day – which is why some within the Treasury have been arguing for the Budget to be delayed until April. Even so, the february figures suggest the final outcome will be considerably better than the gloomiest City estimates of up to £11 billion.

Official sources were yesterday damping down some of the joy. February's revenues were boosted by the final instalement of the change in the rules covering VAT on imports, and by a bulge in payments of Petroleum Revenue Tax. But takin the financial year so far as a whole, the figures do look quite encouraging: although spending is, as expected, running above the target (expenditure on the consolidated fund is up 8½ per cent on the previous year, compared with a forcast last Budget time of 6¼ per cent), revenue is slightly ahead of Budget estimates up 11 per cent, rather than 10.5 per cent.

Compared with the Treasur's calculations at the time of the Autumn Statement, indeed, official estimates are that total tax revenues will be £1 billion higher – £1½ billion of extra North Sea revenue, offset by £500 million lower revenues from other sources.

So even if March's PSBR is as high as last year's (and there is some reason to believe it will be lower) the figure for the full financial year is unlikely to exceed £10 billion. Combined with developments in the foreign exchange and oil markets, the news was enough to shave the three-month inter-bank rate down to 13⅜ per cent.

Even if the clearing banks cannot be bothered to move base rates down a trivial half percentage point, and even if the building societies are still forced to raise mortgage rates, the underlying interest rate trend against which Mr Lawson will reveal his Budget today is comfortably easier.

An impressive legacy at Liffe

When John Barkshire formally steps down on Thursday as chairman of the London International Financial Futures Exchange he will leave his probable successor, Brian Williamson of Gerrard & National, an impressive legacy. In the five years he has been chairman of the Liffe working party and the chairman of the new exchange, he has been its public face and its guiding spirit. Others also saw the need in the late 1970s for a financial futures market in London; others also laboured to make it a reality. But Liffe would not have come into being so quickly or been nurtured so successfully without Mr Barkshire's accurate sense of the way financial markets were changing, his persausive powers and, perhaps above all, his capacity for sheer hard work.

After two and half years of trading, Liffe boasts nine contracts, a turnover averaging 16,000 lots a day; and 247 full and associate members. Unlike most of London's other important futures markets, Liffe volume is steadily growing and this year should see another three contracts added to the list. Its success has been uniform. The currency contracts have not caught traders' imagination and volume is too heavily concentrated among a small number of members dealing with each other. But that is hardly a criticism of an experimental market in the course of its early development.

Liffe's most impotant achievement under Mr Barkshire's guidance has been to pioneer a new type of futures market in London. Liffe opened the way for the full gamut of modern futures instruments. It adopted American pit trading and added a new dimension to the vogue for international 24-hour trading by offering the Chicago Board of Trade's T-Bond Contract.

Mr Barkshire, who will remain a director of Liffe, has little time to relax and dwell on Liffe's success. Mercantile House, his principal preoccupation, is finding the going harder in New York. Mercantile's American subsidiary, Oppenheimer, suffered a third-quarter loss of $60,000, a turnround of $9 million (£8.4 million). Oppenheimmer is important to Mercantile's grand design; no doubt Mr Barkshire will welcome the extra time he now has to put it right.

Dollar slides as Ohio loan institutions remain closed

From Bailey Morris Washington

The dollar fell against all leading currencies yesterday as the governor of Ohio yesterday extended for 48 hours the "bank holiday" which closed 71 state-insured savings and loans associations hit by a massive run on deposits.

The collapse of Home State and the resulting panic among depositors who camped out to withdraw their savings sent shockwaves through the American financial system and prompted officials in Washington to demand tighter controls on the vast, largely unregulated, government securities market.

Questions were raised over the growing vulnerability of the financial system to sudden, unexpected shocks and the effects the deposit run will have on the monetary policies of the US Federal Reserve Board which acts as a central bank.

On the foreign exchange markets, there was widespread dollar selling in expectation that Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, would have to loosen policies to prevent a domino crisis of confidence throughout the banking system.

At the very least, analysts said that the Fed is now unlikely to proceed with the expected tightening of its monetary policy to reign in the continuing big growth in the US money supply.

Both the federal and state authorities are working together to find a quick solution to the Ohio crisis so that the panic does not spread to four other states where institutions are privately insured.

Ohio governor Richard Celeste, facing the biggest political crisis of his career, is attempting to resolve the problem through emergency action in the state legislature and by expediting talks on a potential buyer for ome State Savings Bank of Cincinnati, the failed institution which triggered the deposit run.

Home State was closed by federal authorities after news of the big losses it suffered as a result of its dealings with the failed ESM transactions, more than the total amount in the private Ohio deposit guarantee fund which insures deposits in the 71 state-insured savings and loan associations.

Depositors withdrew more than $90 million from Home State alone before the association was ordered closed. The run quickly extended to the other associations not covered by federal insurance which guarantees against losses of up to $100,000 per depositor.

Mr Celeste in an effort to resolve the problem introduced legislation yesterday requiring the 71 privately insured associations to apply for federal insurance.

At the same time, the Governor created a rescue plan naming a team to find buyers for the weaker institutions and to speed up procdures to clear the way for a potential buyer to purchase Home State Savings. Citicorp and Chemical Bank in New York have expressed interest

US set to be world's biggest debtor

The United States, for the first time since 1914, may have become a net debtor nation and by the end of this year is expected to be the world's largest debtor nation surpassing both Mexico and Brazil, US officials said yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, said in commenting on America's record current account deficit in 1984 that the US probably became a debtor in this current quarter.

"The US is shifting from a net creditor to a net debtor. The net international investment position of the US was a positive $104 billion (£94 billion) at the end of 1983 and it may have moved into the red this quarter." Mr Baldrige said.

The commerce secretary disclosed the long anticipated shift after a briefing at which officials said the US current account deficit, the broadest picture of US trade with the rest of the world, rose sharply last year to a record $101.65 billion.

This was more than double the deficit in 1983 of $41.56 billion and reflected the deteriorating trade position caused largely by the overvalued dollar, commerce officials said.

The US has not had a trade surplus for almost a decade but until this year, it has been able to rely on receipts from its investments abroad to keep the nation in surplus.

Last year, net service receipts dropped to $17 billion from $28.1 billion the year before.

At the same time, private foreign purchases of US Treasury securities rose a record $22.5 billion from $8.7 billion the year before, reflecting high interest rates and the government's decision to remove withholding taxes on interest paid to foreign purchasers

AIB shares fall despite assurance

By Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

Shares in Allied Irish Banks fell 22p to 113p yesterday despite confirmation from the Republic of Ireland's biggest bank that it would still meet its profit forecast of Ir£84 million (£71 million) for the year to March 31. At one stage the group's shares were down to 106p.

AIB said yesterday it had deconsolidated Insurance Corporation of Ireland and would not recognize any of its losses in the banking group's 1984 results. However, AIB has had to write off its entire Ir£90 million investment in the insurance company, which was reduced last week by the Irish government. As a result AIB's shareholders' funds are expected to fall from Ir£427 million to Ir£372 million after allowing for retained earnings.

The rescue of its subsidiary, which was the biggest insurance company in Eire, will cost AIB a further Ir£6 million over the next three years. This reflects the cost of providing a loan at subsidized rates for three years of Ir£50 million to the Exchequer of the Irish Republic to help with the rescue.

The affair is being seen in some quarters as a vivid pointer to the dangers of banks diversifying into unfamiliar territory Mr Patrick Dowling, who heads AIB's industrial banking subsidiary, said yesterday:

"The general insurance business has characteristics which perhaps do not mix too well with banking.

Mr Dowling said that investigations had shown that second half losses at Insurance Corporation of Ireland could have run as high as Ir£60 million.

AIB also announced yesterday it was buying 77 per cent of Credit Finance Bank. From the administration of Insurance Corporation of Ireland. It is paying 63p a share for the 3.9 million shares.

BA flotation ruled out before autumn

By Jonathan Davis
Business Correspondent

There is now no chance of the Government's planned flotation of British Airways taking place before the last few months of this year.

Both the airline and the Government have acknowledged that a stock market launch in the autumn is the earliest feasible date that can now be countenanced for the flotation, which is provisionally valued at more than £1,000 million. It could easily be pushed back into 1986.

Continuing delays caused by a search for a settlement in the Laker litigation in the United States has pushed back the timing of the issue.

Having been thwarted over an original target of a February flotation date, British Airways' chairman Lord King has been pushing for a new slot in June or July.

The Laker case has led to a postponement of critical decisions that need to be taken by the Government

These delays, taken with the airline's desire to have at least three months in which to market the shares ahead of the issue, mean that a summer flotation cannot be contemplated.



Lord King: wants sell-off as soon as possible.

There are signs of an intense argument within Whitehall about what is now the best date

Lord King and his chief executive, Mr Colin Marshall, are keen to see the airline privatized as soon as possible. There is a school of thought in Whitehall, however, which argues that delay need not be an unmitigated disaster, especially since BA is now generating such good profits

£87m S&N offer for brewer

By Jeremy Warner

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries yesterday launched an £87 million bid for Matthew Brown, one of Britain's largest regional brewers. The 14-for-5 share exchange terms were immediately condemned by the Blackburn-based brewer of Lion bitter as "unwelcome and wholly unacceptable."

Mr Patrick Townsend, chairman of Matthew Brown, said: "We are doing very nicely as an independent regional brewer and we intend to fight this takeover tooth and nail."

S & N's last attempt to expand in the north was thwarted last July when its £44 million offer for the Hartlepool brewer, J W Cameron, was referred to the Monopolies Commission.

On the stock market yesterday Matthew Brown shares soared 77p to 405p, scuppering an attempt by S & N's stockbrokers, Hoare Govett, to raid the market for a 10 per cent stake at the offer price of 385p a share.

S and N already has just under 5 per cent of Matthew Brown's shares.

IN BRIEF

Ship repair yard sold

British Shipbuilders' profitable Falmouth ship repair yard has been sold to a consortium consisting of consultants A and P Appledore and Bellway, the Newcastle housebuilding firm. The deal was formally announced yesterday and has been reached despite a secret trade union ballot of the workforce which showed a majority in favour of a rival bidder, the shipping group, Cenargo.

The purchase price for the yard is £1.75 million. It made an estimated profit in the 10 months to January this year of £184,000, compared with last year's full-year total of £855,000. A and P Appledore will take an initial 10 per cent stake in the joint venture, rising to 50 per cent if Appledore shareholders approve the deal.

Initial bid

The independent directors of Initial, the laundry group, have decided to recommend to shareholders the unchanged terms of British Electric Traction's £170 million bid for the 58 per cent stake which it does not already own. BET has won Monopolies Commission clearance to renew its bid, which was launced last June.

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CEI profits up

Cambridge Electronic Industries had increased pretax profits for 1984 from £9.7 million to £11.9 million. Turnover rose to £129.3 million from £103.9 million. A final dividend of 4.93p make 7p for the year against 6p last time.

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The winding up petition served by British Electric Traction on London Leisure and Arts Centres, the ultimate controlling company for Wembley Stadium in which Mr Abdul Shamji, the Ugandan Asian businessman, says he has an 85 per cent stake, has been adjourned for six weeks. BET requested the adjournment at the hearing yesterday but another petition for a further £2.5 million following the £1 million already owed to BET, is due this month. Despite reports to the contrary, Mr Shamji's company Gomba Holdings, denies it has allied itself with the winding up petition.

Cape losses

Cape Industries yesterday announced a capital reconstruction package designed to strengthen the balance sheet after it made attributable losses of £36.5 million in the 15 months to March 31. It is raising £9.5 million through a one for three rights issue of 8.4 per cent convertible redeemable preference shares.

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No listing for Morgan Grenfell

By Our
Banking Correspondent

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, has decided against a stock market quotation for the time being.

Lord Catto, the group chairman, who yesterday unveiled a 24 per cent profits rise to £20.4 million after tax and transfer to hidden reserves, said there was no need for additional capital at present, nor was there great demand from shareholders for a listing. But the possibility of coming to the market would be kept under review.

The merchant banking group raised £59 million of fresh capital last year from a £45 million rights issue and £14 million capital injection from Deutsche Bank which took a 4.99 per cent stake.

Mr Christopher Reeves, chief executive, said that this, together with retentions, should be enough to finance the group's expansion in the securities market in the foreseeable future.

Morgan Grenfell is paying in shares and convertible securities for the £31 million goodwill in the jobber Pinchin Denny and gilts broker Pember & Boyle, and expects to invest a further £40 million or more in the securities operations.

Total dividends for 1984 are being raised by 29 per cent with the payment of a 5.5p net final dividend. Allowing for the change in the accounting treatment for deferred tax, underlying profits rose by 37 per cent,

Esal banker arrested in India

By Philip Robinson

Mr Amarjeet Singh, former head of international operations at the Punjab National Bank in Lodon, has ben arrested in India and charged with conspiracy to defraud.

Mr Singh, who was manager of the state-owned bank's London branch from 1980 to 1984, had been recalled to New Delhi. He was sacked on Thursday and arrested on Saturday.

For most of last year Mr Singh headed a consortium of almost 46 banks in an attempt to rescue the collapsed Esal (Comodities) company headed by Mr Rajendra Sethia, the Indian-born businessman now in custody in New Dehli facing fraud charges. Esal's total debts ac estimated at £200 millin.

Mr Singh has been remanded for five days in custody by a city magistrate. The Central Bureau of Investigation alleged in court that Mr Singh had advace loans with "forged and fictitious documents" in conspiracy with Mr Rajendra Sethia and other bank employees.

This month Britain formally asked India to send Mr Sethia back to London. A warrant has already been issued for his arrest in London.

Nine charges, covering a period from June 1983 to February 1984, include two charges of conspiracy to obtain a pecuniary advantage by deciption; five of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception; one of preparing a false instrument with the intention of using it and one other charge under the Theft Act.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	995.4(−7.1)
FT- A All Share	n/a)
FT Govt Securities	80.30(+0.04)
FT-SE 100	1300.3(−9.5)
Bargains:	28,539
Datastream USM	112.13(−0.23)
New York	
Dow Jones	1253.64(+6.30)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,508(+19.26)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1319.47(−23.28)
Amsterdam:	207.2(−0.6)
Sydney: AO	790.3(−4.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1220.3(+6.3)
Brussels:	
General	305.78(+0.55)
Paris: CAC	207.1(−1.0)
Zurich:	
SKA General	343.20(+0.60)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $293.70 pm $298.85
close $298.50-$299.00
New York:
Comex $300.75

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Anvil Pet	63 +13
KCA Drilling	25 +5
Prestwich Hdgs	131 +25
Brown, Matthew	405 +77
Bronx Eng.	18½ +3
Electronic Mach.	49 +8
Markheath	88 +13
Pineapple Dance	70 +9
Clayton, Son Hdgs	72 +8
Brewmaker	38 +4
Microvitec	73 +7
Burnett & Hallams	55 +5
Cape Industries	45 +4
Argyle Trust	24 +2
Daejan Holdings	370 +30
Sumrie Clothes	52 +4
Ingall Inds	95 +7

FALLS:

Mercantile House	297 −33
Kent (John)	45 −4
Yelverton Invs.	27 −2
Steaua Romana	29 −2
Stonehill Hdgs	104 −7
Lowe, Hwrd	288 −17

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1067 (+0.0232)
£: DM 3.6970 (+0.0410)
£: SwFr 3.1450 (+0.0345)
£: FFr 11.2880(+0.1230)
£: Yen 287.53 (+5.48)
£ Index: 73.0 (+1.0)
New York:
£: $1.1120
$: DM 3.3247
$ Index: 153.9 (-0.8)
ECU £0.803780
SDR £0.884393

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 13⅞–13⅝
3-month eligible bills 13⅛–13
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10.50%
Federal Funds 8⅝
3-month Treasury Bills 8.45–8.41
Long bond 94⅜–94¾; yield
00.00% (00.00%)

CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES PLC

Year ended 31st December 1984

Turnover	**£129.3m**	**+24.4%**
Pre-tax profit	**£11.9m**	**+22.0%**
Earnings per share	**21.0p**	**+23.5%**
Dividends per share	**7.0p**	**+16.7%**

Mr Rupert Jones, Chairman, comments:

"1984 has seen the further and successful development of the Cambridge Electronic Industries group. As compared with 1983, all the principal indicators of performance have moved ahead. It is an important part of the strength of the group that there is a very wide spread of products and market sectors and, increasingly, of geographical areas also. We intend to support by strong investment those activities in the group wherever good prospects for future growth are foreseen and shall endeavour to keep our activities flexible and responsive."

If you would like a copy of the 1984 annual report, which will be published on 12th April, please fill in the coupon below and send to The Secretary, Cambridge Electronic Industries PLC, Botanic House, 100 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1LQ.

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WALL STREET

	Mar 15	Mar 14
AMF Inc	17¼	16⅞
AMR	40⅛	40
Allied Corp	38	38⅝
Allied Stores	53¾	53½
Allis Chalmers	7⅞	7
Alcoa	33⅜	33½
Amax Inc	16⅞	17¼
Amerada Hess	27⅞	28⅛
Am Brands	66⅜	66⅞
Am Broadcast	73¾	72⅝
Am Can	51	51⅛
Am Cyanamid	51⅛	51
Am Elec Power	20⅝	20⅝
Am Home	59⅝	59⅝
Am Motors	3⅞	3⅞
Am Nat Res	64½	64¼
Am Standard	30⅝	32⅝
Am Telephone	21⅛	21⅛
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅛
Asarco	25⅞	25⅞
Ashland Oil	30¾	30⅝
Atlantic Richfield	48⅝	48⅜
Avco	49⅛	49⅞
Avon Products	21¼	21⅛
Bankers Tst NY	60½	60⅝
Bankamerica	19½	19⅝
Bank of Boston	44	43⅝
Bank of NY	38½	38⅜
Beatrice Foods	28⅝	28¾
Bethlehem Steel	16⅝	16⅜
Boeing	62	62⅝
Boise Cascade	39⅛	39⅞
Borden	57¼	57⅜
Borg Warner	21	21⅞
Bristol Myers	55½	55⅝
BP	24½	23⅞
Burlington Ind	26¾	25⅝
Burlington Nthrn	52⅝	52⅝
Burroughs	59½	59⅜
Campbell Soup	69⅝	70⅛
Canadian Pacific	42½	42⅝
Caterpillar	30⅝	31½
Celanese	68½	69⅜
Central Soya	22	19⅛
Champion	26½	27⅞
Chase Manhat	51⅝	51⅞
Chem Bank NY	37¾	38⅛
Chevron	33	34½
Chrysler	35	34⅝
Citicorp	41½	41⅝
Clark Equip	29⅝	29¾
Coca Cola	63½	64½
Colgate	23⅝	23⅝
CBS	86½	86⅝
Columbia Gas	28⅛	28⅞
Combustion Eng	35	34⅞
Comwlth Edison	28⅞	29⅝
Cons Edison	30⅝	30¾
Cons Foods	36⅞	37
Cons Power	6¼	6⅜
Control Data	34	34
Corning Glass	37	37⅜
CPC Intl	42½	42⅝
Crane	34½	34½
Crocker Int	25⅝	25⅝
Crown Zeller	38½	37⅝
Dart & Kraft	50	51⅜
Deere	31½	31½
Delta Air	45⅞	45⅞
Detroit Edison	15¾	15⅝
Digital Equip	102⅝	100⅝
Disney	76⅝	76⅝
Dow Chemical	29	29⅝
Dresser Ind	20⅞	20⅝
Duke Power	30½	30⅛
Du Pont	50⅞	51⅝
Eastern Air	5⅞	15⅝
Eastman Kodak	68⅜	69½
Eaton Corp	55⅝	56¼
Emerson Elect	71½	73½
Evans Prod	2⅛	1⅞

	Mar 15	Mar 14
Exxon Corp	48½	49½
Fed Dept Stores	55	55⅛
Firestone	17⅝	18
Fst Chicago	23	23½
Fst Intrst Bncp	44½	45½
Fst Penn Corp	7⅞	7¼
Ford	43⅝	43⅞
GAF Corp	30⅛	31¼
GTE Corp	43	43⅝
Gen Bncp	39½	38⅝
Gen Dynamics	71¼	73⅜
Gen Electric	61¼	61⅛
Gen Foods	59⅜	60
Gen Mills	56	57
Gen Motors	77⅛	77½
Gen Pub Util NY	11⅞	12⅛
Genesco	5⅛	5⅛
Georgia Pacific	22⅞	23⅞
Gillette	58⅝	58¼
Goodrich	23½	23⅝
Goodyear	26⅛	26⅝
Gould Inc	21½	22⅝
Grace	40¾	40⅝
Gt Atlc & Pacific	16¼	16⅞
Greyhound	27¾	28
Grumman Corp	28¼	27⅛
Gulf & West	31	31⅛
Heinz H. J.	47½	46⅞
Hercules	32	33
Honeywell	59½	59⅜
IC Inds	31½	30⅝
Ingersoll	48½	48½
Inland Steel	23	22½
IBM	128	128¾
Int Harvester	10	10
Int Paper	49¼	49⅝
Int Tel Tel	31½	32⅝
Irving Bank	33¼	33⅜
Jim Walter	32½	32⅝
Johnson & John	39½	39⅛
Kaiser Alumin	13½	13⅜
Kerr McGee	30½	30⅝
Kimberly Clark	48¼	48⅜
K Mart	32⅝	33⅜
Kroger	39½	40⅛
L.T.V. Corp	10	10¼
Litton	65½	66½
Lockheed	47⅞	48⅛
Lucky Stores	19⅜	19⅜
Manuf Hanover	36½	37¼
Manville Cp	8	7⅞
Mapco	31¼	31
Marine Midland	32½	32⅛
Martin Marietta	48½	48⅝
McDonnell	74½	77½
Mead	35⅞	36¼
Merck	100⅜	101⅞
Minnesota Mng	81¼	82⅛
Mobil Oil	29	29⅛
Monsanto	43½	43⅝
Morgan J. P.	45⅝	45⅝
Motorola	31½	31⅝
NCR Corp	27⅝	27¼
NL Industries	11⅞	11⅞
Nabisco	56½	57¼
Nat Distillers	28½	29⅛
Nat Med Ent	26⅝	26⅝
Norfolk South	64½	65
NW Bancorp	25½	25⅞
Occidental Pet	27⅝	27⅝
Ogden	31½	31⅝
Olin Corp	34¼	34⅜
Owens-Illinois	41	40⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	16⅝	17
Pan Am	4½	4⅝
Penney J. C.	47⅜	47⅝
Pennzoil	49	49⅞
Pepsico	48⅜	48½
Pfizer	40	40¼
Phelps Dodge	18⅛	18⅝

	Mar 15	Mar 14
Philip Morris	89½	91¼
Phillips Petrol	49¼	49⅝
Polaroid	26	25½
PPG Ind	37	36⅝
Procter Gamble	55	55⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	26	26⅝
Raytheon	44⅝	44⅝
RCA Corp	38	38⅝
Reynolds Ind	82½	83
Reynolds Metal	35½	36
Rockwell Int	36	36⅝
Royal Dutch	53½	53⅜
Safeways	32¼	32½
SFE Sopac	26½	26⅝
SCM	47¼	47⅞
Schlumberger	38	38⅞
Scott Paper	34½	25⅞
Seagram	40¼	41½
Sears Roebuck	33¾	34⅜
Shell Oil	58½	59⅝
Shell Trans	33¼	33⅝
Signal Co	31⅜	32⅝
Singer	34½	35
Smithkline Beck	59½	60
Sony	18½	17⅝
Sth Cal Edison	22¾	22¾
Sperry Corp	50	50
Std Of Indiana	62½	62⅞
Std Oil Ohio	45¼	45¼
Sterling Drug	28⅛	29⅛
Stevens J. P.	17⅜	17⅜
Sun Comp	48½	49⅝
Teledyne	259½	259¾
Tenneco	39¾	40⅛
Texaco	34⅜	35
Texas East Corp	31½	31⅞
Texas Inst	109¾	108¾
Texas Utilities	25½	25½
Textron	40	41⅛
TWA	35½	35½
Travelers Corp	41¼	41½
TRW Inc	75½	35¼
UAL Inc	45¼	45¾
Union Carbide	39¾	37⅝
Unocal	47	46⅝
Un Pacific Corp	46½	47½
Unroyal	14¾	14⅜
United Brands	13½	13⅝
US Steel	26½	27⅜
Utd Technol	40	40⅝
Wachovia	32⅝	32
Warner Lambert	56⅜	57¾
Wells Fargo	54⅜	54⅝
Westinghse Elec	30	30
Weyerhauser	27⅞	28⅜
Whirlpool	48	48¼
Woolworth	40⅝	40
Xerox Corp	42½	42⅝
Zenith	21	21⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	50⅛	50
Alcan Alumin	37¼	37⅜
Algoma Steel	21½	20⅞
Bell Telephone	39	39⅞
Can Pacific	58⅞	59¼
Cominco	14½	14⅝
Cons Bathurst	17⅜	17½
Gulf Oil	17⅝	17⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	20¾	20⅝
Hudson Bay Min	6⅞	6⅝
Imasco	55¼	55¼
Imperial Oil	48½	48¼
Int Pipe	35⅞	35
Mass.-Fergsn	2.97	2.95
Royal Trustco	19¼	19⅛
Seagram	56¾	57⅛
Steel Co	21¾	21⅝
Thomson N 'A'	56¼	56¼
Walker Hiram	28½	28½
WCT	14⅜	14¼

● Ex div a Asked c Ex distribution b Bid k Market closed n New issue p Stock split. t Traded y Unquoted.

Dow lacks direction

New York (AP – Dow Jones) – Shares continued to show a mixed direction in early trading yesterday. The blue chips, remained higher while the broader market showed a slight downward bias.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.74 points to 1,254.09.

Declining issues were nearly 7 to 6 ahead of advances. Trading was moderate.

Mr James Joyce, research director for Prescott, Ball & Turben, said the market began with a "rebound from last Friday's selloff".

However, he added: "It continues under pressure as analysts downgrade their first quarter earnings expectations. These are being lowered to reflect economic weaknesses particularly in the manufacturing sector where the strong dollar is taking a toll".

International Business Machines was up ¾ to 128¾; Teledyne unchanged at 259½; Texas Instruments up ⅛ at 109½; Rohm & Haas down ¾ to 62½; General Motors up ¼ at 77½; American Telephone up ¼ at 21⅜; General Electric up ⅛ at 61⅜ and Data General down ⅛ at 48.

Ralston Purina was up to 41¼. IT announced on Friday that it was studying options for a subsidiary which operates the Jack-in-the-Box restaurant chain.

UAL was trading at 45¼ up ⅛.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne. G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR

May	113.4–13.2
Aug	118.4–18.2
Oct	124.0–23.8
Dec	130.0–29.8
Mar	144.0–43.6
May	149.4–48.6
Aug	155.4–54.6
Vol	609

COCOA

Mar	2090–88
May	2082–80
Jly	2055–55
Sep	2040–39
Dec	1973–70
Mar	1963–60
May	1963–62
Vol	362/3234

COFFEE

Mar	2352–50
May	2400–2399
Jly	2434–33
Sep	2472–70
Nov	2473–68
Jan	2495–23
Mar	2400–2390
Vol	359/2014

GAS OIL

Mar	236.75–36.50
Apr	227.75–27.50
May	226.50–26.00
Jne	224.75–24.00
Jly	224.25–24.00
Aug	227.00–24.00
Sep	230.00–24.00
Oct	234.00–25.00
Nov	237.00–26.00
Vol	NB/1583

RUBBER

Apr	745–710
May	755–720
Jun	765–730
Jul	775–750
Aug	785–750
Sep	790–760
Oct	800–770
Nov	810–780
Dec	820–790
Apr/Jun	760–720
Jul/Sep	790–720
Oct/Dec	820–780
Vol	NB

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures

Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce

Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1237.50-1238.50
Three months	1259.00-1259.00
T/O	275
Tone	Easier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1242.00-1245.00
Three months	1258.00-1260.00
T/O	75
Tone	Quiet

TIN STANDARD

Cash	10060-10065
Three months	10070-10075
T/O	360
Tone	Easy

TIN HIGH-GRADE

Cash	10080-10065
Three months	10080-10090
T/O	60
Tone	Easy

LEAD

Cash	305.00-305.50
Three months	315.00-315.00
T/O	2900
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	820.00-825.00
Three months	815.00-820.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	812.00-815.00
Three months	795.00-798.00
T/O	8400
Tone	Easy

SILVER LARGE

Cash	526.0-527.0
Three months	544.0-545.0
T/O	127
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	526.0-527.0
Three months	544.0-545.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	981.50-982.50
Three months	1016.00-1016.50
T/O	5560
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	4685-4695
Three months	4700-4705
T/O	636
Tone	Easier

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

London Gold Futures were untraded yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 00:

GB: Cattle, 92.25p per kg lw (-0.24).
GB: Sheep, 206.37p per kg est d c w (+16.42).
GB: Pigs, 80.75p per kg lw (+1.67).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 0.4 per cent, ave. price, 95.59p (-0.05).
Sheep nos. down 8.2 per cent, ave. price, 210.66p (+16.15).
Pig nos. down 6.6 per cent, ave. price, 80.72p (+1.66).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 3.7 per cent, ave. price, 92.91p (-1.47).
Sheep nos. down 18.0 per cent, ave. price, 199.64p (+16.30).
Pig nos. up 4.1 per cent, ave. price, 83.38p (-0.36).

These figures refer to Friday's trading.

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£116.95	£114.75
May	£119.75	£117.20
Jul	£123.45	–
Sep	£98.25	£98.10
Nov	£101.50	£101.70
Jan	£105.25	£105.15

Total lots traded
Wheat 395
Barley 179

Petrocon profits jump over £1m

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The continuing importance to the British economy of the pace of oil and gas exploration has been reflected in the annual results of Petrocon, one of the companies which the Government hopes will help Britain win export orders from the lessons it has learnt in the North Sea.

Petrocon has reported profits of £1.2 million after tax last year compared with £0.4 million in 1983. A final dividend of 5.25p has been proposed compared with 3.75p in 1983.

The company, which has matched the US tool-hire companies in the North Sea, has increased its specialized equipment for exploration drilling, and more particularly, well-testing.

Petrocon is anxious to retain its independent status and is formerly rejecting proposals to join the present pro-British trade associations now recruiting in the North Sea oil sector. It is also intent on remaining a service company for the oil industry.

Mr Peter Hodgson, chairman and chief executive, said yesterday: "As a British company operating in the North Sea there is a unique opportunity to establish Petrocon in areas of oilfield technology which are within its capability, and which can be introduced to South East Asia and West Africa".

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Money was tight and expensive once again.

Interbank held 15⅝–15¼ per cent most of the morning, shading to 15¼–15 per cent towards midday and diping to 14½–14 per cent for a brief spell during the lunchtime. It was climbing again in the afternoon and closed around 16 per cent.

Period rates generally came down between ⅛ to ⅜.

Interbank term deposits were described as just routinely busy.

Sterling certificate of deposit were confirmed mainly to the band of three to six months in the morning, but saw broader activity in the afternoon with buying moving out to the longer dates.

Eurodollar deposits rates eased in line with a softer trend for Fed funds against the background of recent economic pointers suggesting a cooling of the US economy.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 12½

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 14½ Low 14¼
Weak forecast: 14-13⅞

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	13½	2 months	13¼
3 months	13½	3 months	13

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13⅞–13⅝
3 months	13⅛–13
2 months	13⅞–13⅝
6 months	12–11⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	14⅝
3 months	13¾
2 months	14
6 months	12⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 15⅞–15 close 16

1 week	15-14⅜
1 month	14⅜–14⅛
3 months	13⅞–13⅝
6 months	13⅛–13
9 months	12⅞–12⅝
12 months	12⅝–12⅜

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	14⅝
1 month	14⅛
6 months	12½
7 days	14⅝
3 months	13½
12 months	12½

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	15-14⅝
3 months	14⅜–14⅛
9 months	13½–13¼
2 months	14⅛–14
6 months	13⅝–13⅜
12 months	12⅝–12⅜

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 14⅜–14⅛ 3 months 13⅞–13⅝
6 months 12⅛–12⅜ 12 months 12⅝–12⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.85-8.75 3 months 9.20-9.10
6 months 9.90-9.80 12 months 10.80-10.70

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅛–7¾
7 days	8¼–8⅛	1 month	8⅛–8⅛
3 months	9⅛–9¼	6 months	10-9⅞
Deutschmark		call	5¾–5½
7 days	6-5⅞	1 month	6¼-6
3 months	6⅛–6	6 months	6⅛–6¼
French Franc		call	11-10
7 days	10⅞–10⅝	1 month	10⅞–10⅝
3 months	11¼–11	6 months	12⅛–12⅛
Swiss Franc		call	5¾–5½
7 days	2–1⅞	1 month	5¾–5½
3 months	5⅝–5⅛	6 months	5⅛–5⅛
Yen		call	6¼–5½
7 days	6⅜–6⅛	1 month	6⅜–6⅛
3 months	15⅛–14⅞	6 months	15⅞–15

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 5 February, 1985, to 5 March, 1985, inclusive 13.883 per cent.

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$307-308.50 (£277.50-279)
Sovereigns* (new):
$70.30-71.50 (£63.75-64.75)
*Excludes VAT

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound gained more than two cents against the dollar in sporadic trading punctuated by bursts of activity. Sentiment for sterling was encouraged by hopes of Budget to reinforce control on inflation. In addition firm oil prices and weakness in the dollar combined to help the pound close at $1.1067, a gain of 2.32 cents.

Sterling also strengthened in teerms of continental currencies, and finished at DM3.6971, up from DM3.6584 on Friday. The trade-weighted inndex jumped a full point to 73.0.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 18	Market rates close March 18	1 month	3 months
New York	$1 0850-1 1080	$1 1080-1.1075	0 51-0 49c prem	1 10-1.05c prem
Montreal	$1 5020-1.5320	$1 5263-1 5317	0 48-0.39c prem	0 78-0 68c prem
Amsterdam	4 1450-4.1838	4.1724-4.1838	2¾-2¼c prem	6¾-6c prem
Brussels	73 80-74 40†	74 19-74 34†	27-22c prem	55-46c prem
Copenhagen	13 1100-13.2200k	13.2000-13.2200k	3¼-2¾ore prem	7¼-6¼ore prem
Dublin	1 1785-1.1875p	1.1850-1 1860p	11 prem-7p disc	3-35p disc
Frankfurt	3.6650-3.7020m	3 6929-3 7013m	2¼-2¼pf prem	6¾-6¼pf prem
Lisbon	201 00-207 90e	204 28-207 88e	150-450e disc	430-1310e disc
Madrid	203 05-205.00p	204 55-205.00p	35-15p disc	20 prem-10p disc
Milan	2307 20-2343.40lr	2332 00-2342 92lr	par-3lr disc	8-13lr disc
Oslo	10 4580-10.5990k	10 5512-10 5988k	2¾-1¾ore prem	2¾-2¼ore prem
Paris	11 1770-11.3290f	11 2700-11 3076f	3¾-3¼c prem	6¾-6¼c prem
Stockholm	10 3870-10 5230k	10 4849-10 5212k	¼ prem-¼ore disc	¼ prem-¼ore disc
Tokyo	282 58-287 80y	287 26-287 78y	2-1¾y prem	5-4¾y prem
Vienna	25 70-26 00sch	25 90-25.95sch	18-16¾gro prem	43-39¾gro prem
Zurich	3 1188-3.1540f	3 1399-3.1497f	2¼-2¼c prem	5¾-5¾c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 1.0 at 73.0 (day's range 73.0-72.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	332.05-332.64
Australia dollar	1.5973-1.6012
Bahrain dinar	0.4105-0.4145
Brazil cruzeiro*	4586.42-4593.75
Cyprus pound	0.7325-0.7425
Finland mark	7.6090-7.6460
Greece drachma	155.80-157.80
Hong Kong dollar	7.8000-7.8040
India rupee	14 14-14.34
Iraq dinar	n.a
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3320-3360
Malaysia dollar	2.8580-2.8552
Mexico peso	245-260
New Zealand dollar	2.4671-2.4916
Saudi Arabian riyal	3.9325-3.9750
Singapore dollar	2.5051-2.5119
South Africa rand	2.1910-2.1997
United Arab Emirates dirham	3.9995-4.0325

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9280-0.9300
Singapore	2.2540-2.2580
Malaysia	2.5830-2.5870
Australia	0.9317-0.9627
Canada	1.3810-1.3830
Sweden	9.4900-9.5000
Norway	9.55-9.85
Denmark	11.9650-11.9750
West Germany	3.6957-3.7013
Switzerland	3.1369-3.1431
Netherlands	4.1854-4.1720
France	11.2470-11.2569
Japan	287.52-287.85
Italy	2334.70-2343.40
Belgium/Commy	74.18-74.32
Hong Kong	8.6307-8 6430
Portugal	185-187.50
Spain	184.70-185.00
Austria	26.43-26.48

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exbd. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
180	118	Aberdeen	179	–1	7.5	4.2	..
101	58	Alba	98	..	2.0b	2.0	..
686	438	Alliance	680	+2	24.8	3.6	..
515	385	Anglo Amer Trust	398	..	5.5	2.4	..
302	218	Ang Amer Sec	296	–2	8.5	2.9	..
435	310	Ashdown	426	..	11.7	2.7	..
120	75	Atlantic Assets	119	..	0.7	0.6	..
102	77	Bankers	102	..	2.5	2.4	..
130	120	Berry	130	..	3.4	2.6	..
175	117	Border & Shire	174	–1	4.7	2.7	..
107	79	Br Amer Gen	107	..	3.7	3.5	..
183	144½	Br Assets	207	..	5.7b	2.7	..
107½	79½	Br Empire Sec	78½	..	1.3	1.7	..
373	281	British Inv	353	..	10.5b	2.9	..
73	55	Brunner	73	..	2.9	3.9	..
89	60	Charter Agency	88	..	3.1b	3.5	..
556	416	Continental	555	..	20.7b	3.8	..
178	126	Crescent Japan	171	..	1.1	0.7	..
485	275	Delta	485	..	..	..	..
104	80	Derby Inc	100	..	10.2	10.2	..
104	80	Do Cap	102	..	..	..	..
255	241	Drayton Cons	251	+1	12.7	4.4	..
146	88	Drayton Far East	142	–1	1.6	1.1	..
420	292	Drayton Japan	416	–1	3.8	0.9	..
412	286	Drayton Premier	406	–6	18.2	4.5	..
178	146	Dundee Lon	176	..	6.7	3.8	..
235	149	Edin Amer Asset	218	–1	1.3	0.6	..
117	97	Edinburgh	114	–1	3.7	3.3	..
282	210	Electric Gen	272	..	4.8b	1.8	..
251	192	English Int	251	..	6.6b	2.6	..
78	60	English Scot	78	..	2.8	3.6	..
109½	88½	Enterprise NY	109½	–½	3.5	3.2	..
12½	9¾	F & C Alliance	12½	..	2.4	2.4	..
187	117	F&C Pacific	180	..	5.0b	3.1	..
278	192	Fleming	268	..	9.9	4.8	..
278	192	First Scot Amer	278	..	12.9b	4.7	..
245	190	First Un Gen	170	–5	8.7	5.1	..
350	342	Fleming American	695	..	7.5	1.3	..
238	180	Fleming Claver	233	–1	12.4	4.9	..
230	180	Fleming Enterprise	230	..	11.1	4.4	..
328	228	Fleming Far East	317	+2	2.9	0.8	..
109	83	Fleming Fledgling	109	..	3.6	3.3	..
350	300	Fleming Japan	350	+5	4.5	0.8	..
118	88	Fleming Mercantile	117	..	4.3	3.7	..
134	82	Fleming Overseas	125	..	3.3b	2.7	..
163	116	Fleming Tech	161	..	3.1	2.0	..
334	215	Fleming Universal	333	..	9.5	2.9	..
148	99	For Col	140	–1	3.6	2.6	..
121	88	GSC Capital	116	–1	..	..	..
186	130	GT Japan	181	..	2.0b	1.1	..
615	453	General Funds	615	+5	12.8	2.2	..
196	154	General Cons	196	..	13.1	5.1	..
125	77	Glasgow Stock	125	..	2.9	2.3	..

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
276	197	Globe	272	–2	12.9	4.7	..
222	176	Greenfriar	222	..	2.3	1.0	..
276	187½	Grantham House	258	..	5.7	2.2	..
183	114	Hambros	181	..	5.4	3.0	..
254	187	Hill (P)	246	..	13.2	5.4	..
540	390	Invest-in-Success	540	..	7.8	1.4	..
235	182	Inv Cap	233	–1	5.2	2.2	..
64½	48	Japan Assets	61	..	0.1	0.1	..
268½	216	Lake View	268	..	9.4	3.5	..
189	134	Law Debenture	189	..	7.9	4.2	..
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	78	..	2.5	3.2	..
107	71	Lon Trust	105	..	2.8	2.7	..
98	70	Merchants	97	..	5.4b	5.5	..
174	121	Monks	172	..	3.4b	2.0	..
118	85	Murray Income	116	..	6.4n	5.5	..
98	67	Murray Growth	98	..	2.0	2.1	..
134	98	Murray Int	130	..	4.4b	3.0	..
139	102	Murray Ecosf	139	..	3.3	2.7	..
282	225	Murray Venture	282	+2	6.3	2.2	..
393	283	New Court	378	..	20.4	5.4	..
97	58	New Darien Or	75	–1	0.5	0.8	..
178	139	1925	178	..	7.9	4.4	..
43	34	Nothrop Inc 83	39	..	3.2b	8.4	..
243	188	New Tokyo	218	..	2.1	1.0	..
235	202	Nth Atlantic Sec	218	–2	4.5	1.4	..
138	108	Nth Sea Assets	110	..	0.7	0.5	..
283	208	Nthn Amer	280	+1	7.7	2.8	..
139	97	Outwich	138	–1	4.1	2.8	..
48	34	Personal Assets	40	..	0.5	1.4	..
348	243	Raeburn	340	+1	13.5	4.0	..
137	98	River & Merc	136	–1	7.1	5.4	..
226	158	River Plate	224	–1	10.3	4.6	..
192	136	Robeco	188	–5	..	..	..
171	127	Rollinco	165	–1	..	..	..
267	185	Romney	267	..	6.6	2.5	..
2150	1600	Rothschild	2150	..	..	..	..
338	237	St Andrews	333	–2	11.0	3.3	..
278	191	Scottish	272	+1	7.4	2.7	..
205	174	Scot American	200	–1	6.0	3.0	..
205	157	Scot Eastern	157	..	4.4	2.8	..
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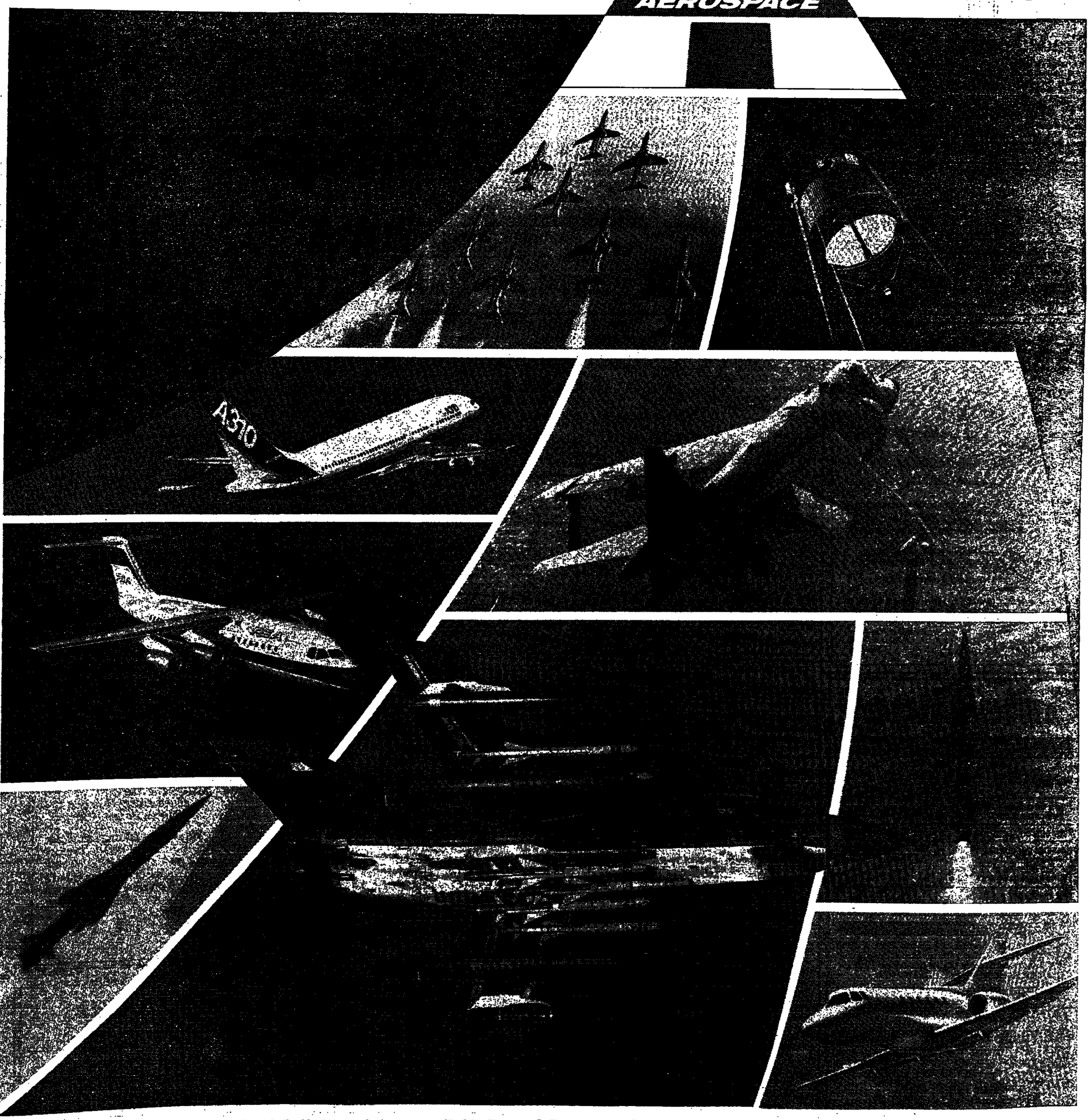
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

South African levy knocks banks

By Pam Spooner

South African budget news *pre-empted today's speech from* our own Mr Nigel Lawson, and sent bank shares on a downward path.

Mr Barend du Plessis, Finance Minister in the Republic, announced a levy on average deposits for the banks, and share prices for both **Barclays** and **Standard Chartered** were knocked back. Barclays lost 15p to 574p and Standard fell 10p to 464p.

There was some confusion in London as to the size of the levy – some reports suggested 0.25 per cent, while others said 0.25 per cent per quarter, making a hefty 1 per cent a year. The latter tax could take as much as 100 million rand off the earnings of the two groups.

Analysts were also waiting to see the fine print in order to find out if the new levy is in addition to current taxes or will be levied before assessment for other corporate charges.

Other leading bank shares also lost ground, with **National Westminster** down 8p at 609p, **Lloyds** off 10p at 547p and **Midlands** 7p lower at 332p.

There was also bad news in South Africa for life assurance companies, where taxes have also been increased after a bumper year for the assurers. But only one British assurer has interests in the Country. **Prudential Assurance** has a small amount of business there and its share price dipped 10p to 546p.

But the enlarged tax burden for South African companies could bring benefits to the share prices of another company on the British life assurance list. **Sun Life Assurance**, where *Liberty Life of South Africa* already has a near 24 per cent stake, could well see *further* investment in its shares from the Republic. Yesterday, the Sun Life price dipped 5p to 757p, showing a *touch more* firmness than the rest of the sector.

Life assurers had already been hit by *thoughts that today* would bring some form of taxation on pensions, and *sizeable amounts of stock had* come on offer early in the day. With buyers few and far between, prices drifted lower in the course of the session.

Leading shares were also weakened by pre-Budget lethargy. The FT share index fell back below the 1,000 level, down 7.1 points at 995.4, and FT-SE 100 share marker eased back 9.6 points to 1,300.3

Not one share on the top 30 lists managed a price rise, and few even managed to hold their ground. **British Telecom** drifted 2½p lower to 135½p, and even **Hanson Trust**, which has received plenty of support recently, slipped 1p to 223p.

Away from the main lists, takeover and trading news provided what little spark could be seen in Throgmorton Street.

The brewing sector was enlivened by the **Scottish & Newcastle** bid for **Matthew Brown**, and **Boddingtons Breweries**. **Vaux Breweries** and **Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries** both picked up pennies. But **Arthur Guiness**, where the share price has frothed recently, slipped back to 4p to 253p. Market men appeared disappointed not to be *hearing news from the famous* brewers of stout.

On the industrial lists, **Combined Technologies Corporation** was the *subject of speculation as* it warned of thirdquarter profits news this morning. The company left it a little late to warn the Stock Exchange of the announcement, and market men began wondering if other news might also be on the way.

There were strong hopes that **Imperial Chemicals Industries** would reveal its plans to take a stake in the company, sharing in the development of Comtech's products for optical discs. **Plasmon Data Systems**, the Comtech subsidiary, needs a capital injection, which ICI can provide.

Britannia Arrow fell 2p to 101p on the news that **Guinness Peat** had completed its acquisition of an interest in 38.8 million Britannia Arrow shares, a move which takes some of the immediate speculative froth off Britannia. Guinness Peat shares were unchanged at 76p in the wake of the announcement that Lord Kissin and ICG Chemie Handesges have respectively bought 1.5 million and 250,000 GP Shares. This takes the stake held by Lord Kissin, the group's former chairman, up to 8.07 per cent. ICG has 7.26 per cent.

Ward White has extended until Thursday its bid for **Foster Brothers**, the *menswear retailer*, after receiving acceptances from *only 0.16 per cent of shares*. Mr Norman Tebbit, trade and industry secretary, *has cleared* the bid, but the clearance is academic unless Ward White raises its terms to beat the recommended offer from **Sears Holdings** worth 225.75p a share. Ward White's offer is worth 195.8p a share against Foster's share price up 2p at 220p yesterday. Ward White was unchanged at 235p and Sears up ½p at 86p.

Watch for an upward movement in the price of **Dee Corporation** over the next two weeks. *The foods group's offer* for Booker McConnell closes at the end of the month, and there is some feeling Dee would like *to see its own price advance in* the meantime to improve the look of the deal. Dee is believed to be doing a swift round of the analysts. Yesterday, however, the Dee price was moving in the wrong direction, down 4p at 208p.

A A H Holdings is still benefiting from market enthusiasm for its purchase of Vestric, the drugs wholesaling business it bought from Glaxo Holdings for £15.1 million. A A H shares rose 9p to 139p yesterday.

Macarthys Pharmaceuticals, which some stockbrokers believe is now undervalued in comparison to the price paid for Vestric, was unchanged at 185p. Pennies were lost elsewhere in the drugs sector in line with the duller tone prevailing in the City.

The industrial group **Low & Bonar** slipped 15p to 400p as profit-taking took the cream off last week's price rise. The shares rose on the back of record results for the year to November 1984, and on bullish *comments about prospects* for this year from the directors.

Pearson, the publishing to Royal Doulton conglomerate, rose *another 12p to 713p*. The group continues to receive strong institutional support in the market, especially as analysts take closer looks at the "quality" businesses it owns.

Dunhill Holdings, maker of upmarket consumer goods, is also enjoying something of a rerating. The shares gained another 13p to a new best level of 333p.

Markheath Securities, the London property company, regained 13p to 88p as the company allayed fears about the forthcoming results and dividend. Though assets sales have been delayed, hurting profits for second half 1984, the final dividend is expected to be maintained.

Share sales and transfers at **Phoenix Properties & Finance** were announced leaving the price 1p higher at 33p. Mr H F Cooper steps down from the board of directors this year, and reduces his stake to below the 5 per cent declaration limit. He recently sold 341,892 shares. Mr J J W R Main has increased his interest in Phoenix shares to 5.25 per cent.

On the USM lists, **Invent Energy Holdings** fell 50p to 970p as profit-taking took some of the recent gloss from the shares. The company, which joined the USM in 1983, has bubbled steadily higher on the back of its exploration and production programme.

Heelamat Holdings, the fast-fit shoe repairing and key making chain, stayed at 88p after last week's profit news. The company has changed its name and is to be listed as Automagic Holdings.

William Morris Fine Arts slipped 1p to 28½p alongside full year results showing profits of £755,000, against £503,000 for 1983. The company, which makes wallpaper and metal sculptures, came to the market just under a year ago at a placing price of 10p, par value.

N M W Computer, which provides settlement and accounting services for stockbrokers, rose another 11p to 311p as the market waits for more news on the takeover front. The company has had a bid approach requiring the agreement of the NMW board, *but agreement was not reached*.

Industrial Scottish Energy was unchanged at 165p as F J C Lilley revealed that it has *reduced its stake from 7.3 per* cent to below 5 per cent

Plessey shares were down 2p at 192p, still trading in the lower half of its price range. But City men are looking hopefully westward for more defence work. Plessey is strongly fancied to win orders from the US Army for Mobile Subscriber Equipment which could add £100 million to the company's profits over the next five years, taking profit growth into the 15 to 20 per cent range. A decision is due in June.

BBA Group was given a 5p lift to 75p as the market felt the effects of a meeting between the company and analysts on Friday. The company discussed its plans after the rights issue and purchase of the automative-linked businesses of Cape Industries. Dr John White, managing director, impressed the City men with an aggressive presentation.

Traded option highlights

Business slackened off in traded options markets yesterday after the high level of trade done on Friday. Total volume was 8,597 contracts, with British Telecom taking star position at 2,731 options. Most of those were calls.

The SEI option was still in favour, as 918 contracts changed hands, 543 of them calls.

The gilt option also attracted attention as 401 options were traded.

ICI provided most of the big price changes, with April and July series calls showing falls of up to 15p. April and July puts were rising by 13p to 15p.

Marks and Spencer July 160 puts were another highlight, rising 10p.

TEMPUS

Relief as Cambridge profits rise £2.2m

Given the bad news which has filtered lately out of the *electronics sector in general* and from the city of Cambridge *in particular*, the market was relieved that preliminary *figures from Cambridge Electronic* Industries did not add seriously to it. Pretax profits at £11.9 million, up from £9.7 *million, were at the bottom* end of expectations. There was nothing particularly bullish about the company's view of *the future yet the share price* moved ahead quite strongly. At *one stage the shares touched* 333p, up 15p, but the gains were shed later, the shares closing up 7p at 325p.

Both the electronic and electrical components and specialist engineering divisions returned improved performances in profit and turnover terms. The defence and electronic systems division saw profits fall by £300,000 to £1.8 million despite an increase in turnover. The reason was the chemical agent monitor project. Start-up costs, relating to the £14 million contract awarded by the Ministry of Defence late last year, took their toll.

The project has also sucked in substantial capital expenditure, hitting cash flow, which was negative to the tune of £5.5 million in 1984.

CEI could still make £14 million in 1985 but for the time being the shares look fairly valued.

Gilts

The authorities' ability to steer a narrow course through the S prognostications and keep the traders guessing was amply demonstrated yesterday. On Friday, the Government Broker failed to appear, thereby creating a disorderly market in expectations ahead of today's Budget.

Would he deluge the market with taps after the Chancellor had spoken, or would he hit it *with a precisely judged broad*side ahead of the event? Yesterday the *Government* Broker gave the market more or less what it had been expecting, but in an order, which posed as many questions as it answered.

The two stocks unveiled yesterday were a £250 million tranche of Exchequer 11 per cent 1991, and £500 million of *Conversion* 9¾ per cent 2001. They appeared against a *favourable background of* improving sterling – up 1½ *cents against the dollar to $1.10* – and good Government *borrowing figures*.

The market digested the *implications of the Exchequer* 1991 stock quite easily. Tran*chettes have been issued twice* before, in 1982 and 1984, and *essentially this stock is a* building societies' favourite, *with a high coupon* and yield of 11.73 per cent. Reasonably *priced in terms of comparable* adjacent stocks, like Treasury *11¾ per cent 1991*, the new stock has been issued to sell *quickly, and appears to em*brace the possibility of a rise in mortgage rates, irrespective of the Budget.

The £500 million tranche of Conversion 9¾ per cent 2001 caught the market's imagination. Until yesterday, exactly £2 million of the stock existed, via a switch from Treasury 10¼ per cent 1987, and the last recorded deal was on February 28. Last night's spread was a basis price of £90-94.

Ten days ago, the authorities issued a tranche of Conversion 10 per cent 2002, another highly illiquid market, as a result of the authorities' foray into convertibles during the last bull market. Very few investors have exercised conversion options because the premium on conversion has been too high.

Are the authorities therefore planning to reopen the convertibles market by improving the marketability of the conversion option? If they are, then Conversion 9 per cent 2000 could be the next tranchette. Just £4 million is in issue.

BET

*British Electric Traction's pro*tracted bid for the shares in *Initial which is does not* already own is at last drawing to a conclusion. The Initial board has *finally agreed to the* terms

The renewed bid from BET in the wake of clearance from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last month was a little cheeky in that it offered the same price as it did in June rather than the same terms, which would have afforded a better deal.

Even so, Initial shareholders have seen the price of their investment increase by a third since just before the original bid at a time when other laundry shares have declined relatively. It is a good deal for them and for BET which will now be able to press ahead with its corporate plans

Cape Industries

Yesterday's capital reconstruction by Cape Industries will have produced a pained expression on the faces of the Charter Consolidated board, which owns 67 per cent of the struggling building products and industrial contracting group. They will take some consolation from the fact that the outcome could have been a lot worse.

Dragged down by its insulation and automotive products businesses, Cape was on the verge of bankruptcy and only corrective and painful action at this stage saved the company from a worse fate. In *the 15 months to March 31*, Cape's shareholders funds dropped from £59.5 million to £22 million. Borrowings rose *from £36 million to £45* million. The gearing ratio had *become unbearable*.

The injection of £9.5 million raised by the issue of convertible redeemable preference shares and a similar amount from the sale of the automotive products assets to BBA will put the Cape balance sheet on a more respectable footing.

However, it could be another two years before there are any prospects of real growth. The cancellation of the share premium account, if approved by the High Court, will at least permit dividend payments, but it is a small consolation.

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Year to November	1984 £000	1983 £000	
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3,104	2,148	+44.5%
Total shareholders' funds	12,375	12,820	—3.5%
Earnings per ordinary share taking account of taxation on ordinary activities at 23% for 1984 as against 26% for 1983.	47.5p	32.0p	+48.4%
Net assets per ordinary share	245.4p	261.1p	—6.0%

DIVIDEND

Payment of a final dividend of 8.5p per share is being recommended on the ordinary share capital. With the interim dividend total payments are 14p per share (1983 10.5p per share), representing an increase of 33.3 per cent.

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

Citibank gears up to be Britain's fifth force

The world's largest group, Citicorp of New York, has mounted an aggressive strategy in Britain, combining long-term thinking with opportunism to exploit the City's financial revolution and make it a leading clearing bank. Peter Wilson-Smith reports.

HOW CITICORP UK IS EVOLVING

Individual bank	Institutional bank	Investment banking
Citibank Savings: £770 million of loans of which £450 million *mortgages*. Provides consumer credit, savings and cheque accounts, life assurance	*Citibank NA*: commercial banking, foreign exchange electronic banking, insurance broking.	*Citicorp International Bank*: syndications, swaps, mergers and acquisitions, capital raising, bond trading.
		Citicorp Development Capital
Citicorp Travellers Cheques	Citibank Business Bank:	Scrimgeour/Vickers
Diners Club (51%)	about £750 million loans outstanding. Serves medium to smaller companies	Seccombe, Marshall & Campion
		Gilts market-maker



Kent Price: the future is going to be tough.

Mr Kent Price, head of Citibank's British operations, would be "very happy to be the fifth force in banking in the United Kingdom". Acknowledging that Citibank could not realistically expect to challenge the likes of Barclays in terms of domestic market share, he certainly intends to give them a run for their money in select areas.

Citibank, America's largest bank already has a considerable presence in the United Kingdom and it makes more profit here than in any other overseas territory except Brazil. Last year the Citicorp group with worldwide assets of $151 billion, *reported pretax profits of $1.54* billion and net profits of $890 *million*.

According to Mr Price, *British earnings were close to 10* per cent of the total, which would have required them to be disclosed separately. How close he does not say. But British profits probably approached £100 million pretax last year.

All told its ambitions to become an important domestic force in British retail and commercial banking as well as one of the leading players in the securities market are founded on a weighty base.

Last month it became the first bank, British or foreign, to buy a discount house when it paid £7 million for Seccombe Marshall & Campion.

Last month too it formally unveiled Citibank Business Bank, which is spearheading its commerical banking drive into the medium-sized corporate market, arguably the most lucrative and least competitive side of the clearers' corporate business.

Citibank was the first foreign bank to elbow its way into the British cheque processing and settlement system and become a clearing bank.

On the investment banking side Citicorp International Bank Ltd (CIBL) last year became the first foreigner to arrange a new issue when it bought a Staffordshire computer company, Instem, to the Unlisted Securities Market.

More recently it has been involved in a contested takeover bid as junior partner to S. G. Warburg in advising Entrad Investments on its bid for Tootal.

Self-confidence verging on arrogance are characteristics of the Citicorp approach. The organization identifies its goals and pursues them single-mindedly and always wants to be at the top, usually by yesterday.

Sometimes it comes unstuck. Some cite Citicorp's aggressive lending to the Third World and the large exposure it now shoulders as a bad mistake.

A few years ago Citicorp was losing millions from retail *banking in the US until its* investment began to pay off. In the United Kingdom *in 1980-81* it took the wrong view on *interest rates, which cost it* dearly.

What makes *Citicorp a* dangerous competitor is that it is prepared both to take risks and make mistakes and it has the financial strength to shoulder them.

Take its thrust into the medium-sized corporate market: "It's going to be tough and we're going to make mistakes. We're going to have false starts. We're going to lose some money. But we're going to help a lot of people", says Mr Price.

And he adds: "We will be successful because we are perceived by that group as being a premium financial services company."

The push into this market through Citibank Business Bank, a division of the corporate bank, has been under way for a year. About 12,000 companies with turnover of more than £5 million have been identified: of them, 2,000 are considered "hot prospects".

They are the internationally-minded, growing ones which are potentially clients for foreign exchange services, electronic banking or even just loans.

Citibank believes credit is still a product worth selling in this end of the market. By contrast, straightforward lending to big corporations and multinationals is hardly profitable for banks now.

The continuing search for profits led Citibank to the medium-sized corporate market where the risks are higher but so are the rewards. The clearing banks are likely to fight hard to protect this profitable territory, but Citibank thinks it can find a niche: Mr David Hexter, who heads the Business Bank, says: "We have identified a lot of instances where companies are paying rather too much for their financial services."

There will be 12 regional Citibank offices in Britain by the end of this month. Including Citibank Savings, up to 250 branches are planned eventually. Through this network Citibank hopes to spread its net to the very small companies, *providing basic current account* facilities.

In the consumer market, Citibank Savings, with 39 *branches and about 25 agency* outlets, is steadily increasing its *range of services. It is a member* of the Link consortium which *includes National Girobank* and Abbey National and is building up a network of about 800 shared automated teller machines.

By the end of this year Citibank Savings plans to launch a current account to add to the savings and high interest cheque accounts it already offers. Its consumer lending and mortgage business has been growing rapidly. It has access to about 750,000 customers through its store card schemes.

In investment banking, where Citicorp is developing a strong *presence in all the important* markets, it aims to be among *the top five groups in Britain*. CIBL will form the focus for these activities. Once the drawn-out negotiations with the *stockbroker Scrimgeour, Kemp*-Gee are concluded, CIBL will become the limited partner in the merged Scrimgeour/Vickers da Costa firm (excluding its overseas operations). Alongside will sit Seccombe and the market-maker in government stocks which the group will *apply to operate*.

There is no clue on how much capital will be pumped into the securities operations. Mr John Rogers, an executive director of CIBL, says: "Frankly we don't know the full extent of the capital needed." But at least £25 million is likely to go into a primary gilts dealer

CIBL is already active in *bond trading and it is envisaged* that a single operation working *off a common capital base will* evolve, dealing in the full range of sterling securities (assuming that the distinction between the discount house function and gilts dealing is allowed to disappear). Initially, Seccombe provides the expertise in very short-term securities.

On the equity side, the group is likely to plunge into the high-volume, capital-hungry end of the business. The core of Scrimgeour's operation is institutional equity business. Thus *market-making in size in a* limited range of large stocks rather than dabbling across the board is likely to be the focus of *its equity trading*.

This highlights one obvious *gap in the armour*, market-making skills in equities which *will have to be developed* or employed from outside:

Citicorp has other hurdles to surmount. It aspires to be among the leaders in traditional corporate finance business such as takeovers and new issues and has set about nurturing the skills.

One constraint, however, afflicting all foregin banks and brokers in the new issues market is the Bank of England's present insistence that a British firm is involved. When, for instance, CIBL brought Instem to the USM it worked with a British broker, Wood Mackenzie.

Another problem is the limitation US banking legislation places on equity underwriting by the overseas subsidiaries of US banks.

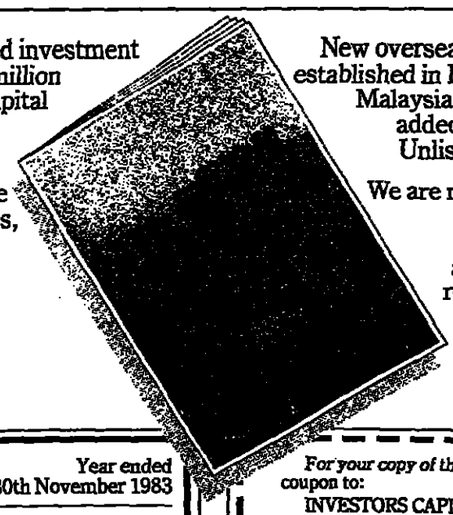
Market segmentation, illustrated by the individual, institutional and investment bank concept, is an approach which Citicorp has pursued relentlessly wherever it operates. But having segmented the markets, the next stage is to see what benefits can accrue from cross-fertilization.

One planning technique *which Citicorp uses is the "what* if" approach. One recent version covered the British Telecom share sale and went *something like this*: What if we could have originated it through our existing business relationship with British Telecom, underwritten it, carried out the wholesale distribution through Scrimgeour/Vickers and the retail distribution through Diners Club and Citibank Savings?

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

A nice little office in the country

Employers are always looking for new ways to attract the skilled staff they need. A study published last week by the National Computing Centre and the magazine *Computer Weekly* suggested that better perks was the answer – paid overtime, company cars, health insurance or product bonuses.

But a new report by two Cambridge University academics shows that skilled staff may want something far more fundamental – somewhere nice to work.

The report, by Dr David Keeble and Timothy Kelly, shows that computer high-fliers are particularly choosy about where they live. It shows that Greater London, the rural areas of Cambridge, the M4 corridor (especially Berkshire), East Anglia and South West England have all proved popular with high technology companies.

The study, which will be presented this week at a conference in the University of Utrecht, Holland, attempts to analyse the factors which turn small computer firms into successes.

And it offers new heart to Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and some of the new towns, which have been selling their idyllic settings to high technology companies for the past five years.

"The evidence indicates that new computer firms in Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire differ in significant ways from their counterparts in Scotland, notably in terms of products, skill requirements and the level of research and development", says the report.

"But both groups of firms appear to reflect a relatively substantial spin-off process from local universities and exhibit similar levels of female employment and of local market orientation.

"From a local or regional perspective, the findings suggest that new high technology firms tend to cluster in particular locations, and that while in the long term (30 years) regional policy-induced branch plants in Scotland have generated new firm spin-off, the most striking clusters (other than London) have evolved in residentally attractive areas possessing existing major research facilities."

Small companies generally have played a significant part in the economy. The total number of new British companies – principally in the manufacturing sector – rose by 31 per cent to 18,962 between 1980 and 1983. The computer industry played a significant part in that growth except in Scotland, where the multinationals have played a far more significant role than in any other sector.

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

The Cambridge study says that the importance of the growth of these small companies, and the micro-electronic revolution generally, was not only the creation of new products and processes but how they affected the more technologically traditional sectors.

According to the study, high technology businesses are being set up at a faster rate than new firms generally. But while new companies may contribute a large percentage of jobs in a particular sector, they have little short-term effect on overall employment patterns.

"In the computer industry, the UK jobs lost by a single company, ICL, over the period 1979-84 (9,775) exceed the number of jobs created in all new firms over the period 1975-84 (8,931)," says the report.

"But this initially pessimistic conclusion must, however, be tempered by the fact that many small firms sub-contract much of the manufacture and distribution of their products and thus create indirect employment."

The researchers cite one new company in the Cambridge area which has a turnover of £75 million and claims to have created 20 new jobs for every one person directly employed.

In the long term, high technology firms offer substantial long-term prospects. Of the 320 new companies identified by the Cambridge team, 15 (4.4 per cent) employed more than 100 people, and 38 (11.9 per cent) employed more than 50.

There are three surprising areas highlighted by the study – the far South West, the rural West Midlands, Wales and the Scottish Hgighlands.

The urban areas, with the exception of London offer few attractions to the high technology employees of tomorrow. The future is in the hands of the idyllic rural areas which for years have been starved of substantial economic growth. Such a trend could substantially alter society, its population distribution, its living and mobility habits out of all recognition within the next decade.

Break-ins by cracking a code

By Matthew May

A new book which claims to reveal the secret of how to break into other people's computers is unlikely to amuse those involved in trying to prevent the growing spread of computer crime.

The Hacker's Handbook is due to be published on Thursday and contains many anecdotes about previous break-ins, ranging from rude messages on Prestel to cash dispensers which are persuaded to dispense more money than a credit limit allows.

But the book also includes advice on how to figure out passwords, find computer's phone numbers and details on connecting home micros to the mainframe computers of big organizations. A list of commonly-used passwords is given along with advice on the mentality and known preoccupations of legitimate password holders.

One section lists a flow chart to help find phone numbers for computers when only part of the number is known, while another, on the computers used by news agencies, includes such information as: "To hack a news agency line you will need to get physically near the appropriate leased line, tap in by means of an inductive loop and convert the changing voltage levels into . . ."

There are also sections on financial services, university facilities, banking and government computers.

Much of the information would appear to be justified by the author's belief that hacking is a sport and in some way semi-legal though he does admit that it can involve the theft of electricity, the theft of computer time and unlicensed usage of copyright material. More serious though is the possibility it could assist those interested in financial fraud.

If a book called *The Safe Crackers Guide* was published with the claim that it was only for those interested in the "sport" of opening other people's safes, there would be little sympathy.

Detective Inspector John Austen, head of the computer crime unit at Scotland Yard, does not believe it is in the public interest for the book to be published. He has recently produced a report calling for each police force to train a team to deal with computer crime.



Face to face with the truth about your skin

A computer which it is claimed can provide a recommended course of skin treatment after analysing skin type and skin texture has been introduced by Elizabeth Arden. A beauty consultant and her customer stand at the monitor, and the consultant punches in the customer's answer to a series of questions. The client puts her forehead on a headrest and a magnified video image of her skin surface appears on the viewer. A light beam profiles the characteristics of the skin surface. This provides the basis of her treatment.

Power of thought heralds a revolution for the disabled

From Robert Lee Hotz, New York

Electronic chips smaller than a freckle and thinner than a human hair may one day enable computers to be operated by the power of thought, using human nerve impulses to bridge the gap between man and machine.

David Edell, an assistant professor of bioengineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says he has successfully implanted experimental versions of the chips in laboratory animals, where they have detected and relayed the faint electrical currents generated by muscle nerves.

"We have proved it is feasible to do this sort of interface with a silicon device and the peripheral nerve of mammal," Edell said. "The nerve grows into the slots we machine right through the chip."

Mr Edell says the chip could enable amputees to use muscle nerves to control sophisticated artificial limbs or to plug into a computer controlling office typewriters, industrial lathes, mills or drill presses.

Development of artificial substitutes for human organs like the heart, the pancreas or the kidney has paralleled surgeons' success in transplanting natural organs. But the natural wiring of the body's central nervous system so far has resisted attempts to develop substitutes.

The chips, which Mr Edell has been working on since 1976, tap directly into the body's nervous system.

When the brain wills a muscle to move, it generates an electrical impulse carried by thousands of individual nerve filaments, or axons, which twitch the proper muscle cells. It is that impulse that the chip detects and amplifies.

"Within five years, we will be thinking about clinical applications," Edell say. "The computer interface would be the easiest. We would take that information generated by the nerve impulse and put it into machine-usable code."

Edell's group is one of several across the United States that have turned to microelectronics for ways to repair or bypass damaged human nerves.

At the University of Michigan, for example, electrical engineers are attempting to develop brain implants that might enable quadriplegics to control paralyzed limbs.

Using computer chips and implanted electrodes, researchers in Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University have developed very primitive artificial nerves to help paraplegics regain some limited use of their legs.

In Utah, researchers have mated a tiny television camera and a computer to implant electrodes to make a primitive artificial eye. Work is also under way at the Institute for Artificial Organs in New York City. Blind volunteers using the experimental systems have been able to distinguish simple patterns of letters and figures.

"We are at the beginning", Edell cautioned. "I was at the beginning in 1976 and I'm still at the beginning. It's been small incremental progress over a long number of years."

Mr Edell has cleared two major hurdles. The chip itself, coated with silicon dioxide, does not cause any allergic reaction in the nerve tissue in which it is implanted and Edell's group has managed to make splicing the severed nerve to the chip routine micro-surgery.

Edell's next step is to begin analyzing the pattern of nerve impulses that control different muscles and begin building a usable code.

Imports boom despite dollar

By Kevan Pearson

High-technology imports from the United States are booming despite the strong dollar. And contrary to conventional wisdom, the weak pound does not appear to be helping UK exports.

Official trade figures show that computers and related products were the US's best exports to the UK in 1984. Most high-tech categories in the figures showed rises of between 30 and 55 per cent on the 1983 figures.

But UK companies have failed to crack the US. Acorn recently abandoned its efforts to establish itself, and ICL, the UK's only mainframes maker has a very small US presence.

Only ACT, the Birmingham maker of the best selling Apricot range, is currently making a concerted attack. It recently welcomed the strength of the dollar, but its US rivals, such as Apple, think ACT will have a tough time.

ICL recently announced a rise in its UK prices and hire rates. From April 1 most ICL charges will rise by 8 per cent. The company blamed the rise on the strength of the dollar and on the Japanese Yen – ICL has a manufacturing deal with Fujitsu.

Most US companies also raised their prices. Digital Equipment (DEC), the world's second largest computer manufacturer, recently put prices up by an average of 8 per cent.

But DEC's UK sales are booming, according to Robert McMicking, UK business finance manager, because the company put more effort into sales marketing as the dollar continued to rise.

Price rises are only a short term measure. In the longer term, if the dollar remains strong relative to sterling, it could result in more high-tech jobs for the UK.

US high tech exports to UK ($ million)

Category	1983	1984	% change
Automatic DP machines	595	775	+30
Computer peripherals	601	674	+11
Digital central processing units	199	298	+50
Integrated circuits	132	205	+55

Most of the US computer companies have some manufacturing facilities in Europe, but they still source many products from the US. DEC has virtually no manufacturing in the UK, although it is converting a Scottish assembly plant into a semiconductor plant.

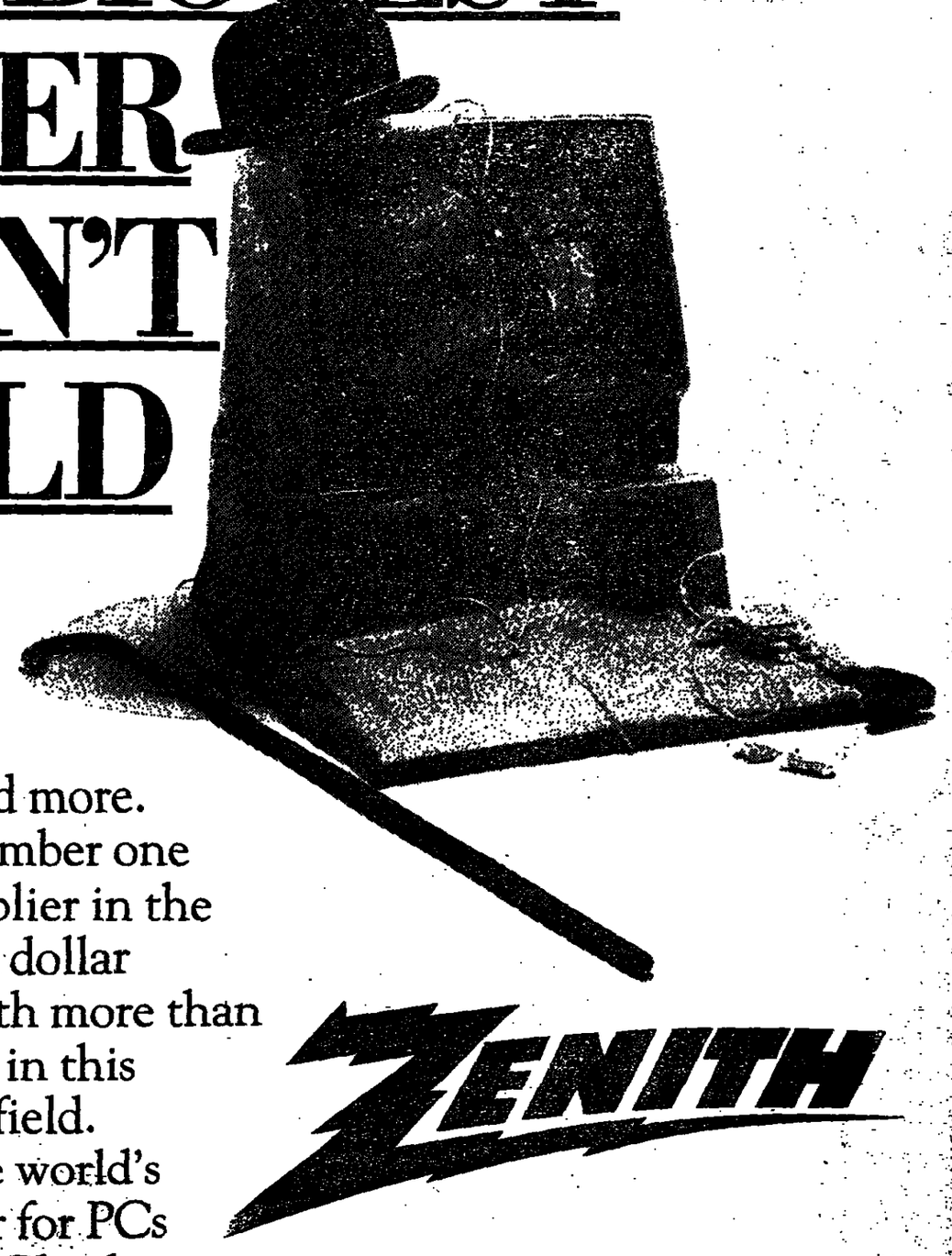
IBM, on the other hand, has major manufacturing facilities in most European countries, including two in the UK at Portsmouth and Greenock, where the Personal Computer is made. IBM says that 95 per cent of what the company sells in Europe is made in Europe. The company also has a policy of balancing the imports and exports of its subsidiaries in most of the countries in which it operates.

For a company like DEC the strength of the dollar means two things. Firstly it decreases the dollar values of the UK company's business. And, as most of the equipment DEC sells in the UK is imported, mostly from the US, the dollar has a negative effect on the company's profit margins.

In the longer term companies like DEC may try to follow IBM and do more manufacturing outside the US.

The strong dollar is not such bad news for IBM. Profit margins are not affected, but its consolidated turnover and profits are – the dollars fall cost $1.67 billion in turnover in 1984.

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Telephone that talks in several tongues

By Rex Malik

A telephone and computer system which translates a phone call from English at one end to Japanese at the other went on display last week at a science exhibition in Tsukube in Japan.

The product, which is a demonstration of NEC's research into the subject, will also translate Japanese to English and can work between Russian and Japanese.

The demonstration shows two actors wearing headsets linked to voice-recognition units through the computerized translating system to voice generators. The computer used is NEC's version of the PC and not as might be expected a mainframe.

Why use actors? Because the voice-recognition boundaries are tightly set. You cannot have a public demonstration certainly not at Tsukuba, with a computer signalling by specific beep tone that you need to repeat the sentence again, and again, and again, because it did not recognize the voice the first time, which could easily happen.

The system is not speaker-independent and the possible content of the conversation is severely limited. It can work only within a small subset of the languages used. Only a couple of times in the demonstration did the English used go up to a word of more than two syllables.

Yet is is a start, well-attuned to the Japanes corporate style of getting something to work, then building up incrementally from there.

No doubt in a few years the company will get a product out of it for specific markets. The hints you get are that these will probably initially be financially oriented, which fits in well with the way NEC has developed the voice-recognition, voice-synthesis market as most of the units NEC have developed in that sector of the market.

You might consider it surprising but there are company people who do not take that demonstration very seriously – except as a demonstration of how far there is to go. They tell you that there are still immense problems to overcome in independent voice recognition. Also the computerized translation level is still rough and limited.

But they are still proud of it. As NEC staff say you have t start somewhere. How far ahead of anyone else are they? The guess in product terms is at least two to three years, which in Japanese electronics today is almost a lifetime.

Personality push for home software

By Geof Wheelwright



The home-computer software business is crawling from the wreckage of last year's Christmas games glut and, resultant shake-out. If computer graphics, good ideas and new machine implementations are not enough to sell a game these days the hope is that personalities will. At last month's LET trade show in London, software houses announced games based on Paul McCartney's feature film, *Give My Regards To Broad Street*, the Steven Spielberg film, *Gremlins*, the off-beat *Rocky Horror Picture Show* and even one, don't ask how, based on Frankie Goes To Hollywood's best selling record, "Relax".

Part of the reason for the current spate of film tie-ins among software houses is the huge success of Activision's Ghostbusters game for the Commodore 64 and Spectrum computers – which has sat near the top of the software charts in this country almost from the day of its release, and has already made vast amounts of money for Activision in the US.

But the personalities in new computer games extend beyond just those in the film and entertainment world. Commodore has announced a game called Jack Attack, which is rumoured to feature a squat tough guy not unlike the former Commodore boss and current Atari head man, Jack Tramiel, while others in the industry eagerly await a game in which Clive Sinclair and Acorn cofounder Chris Curry are said to be slinging computers at one another in an attempt to dominate the field.

The more buoyant post-Chrismas mood among software houses has begged the question of whether the tough times which caused top software houses such as Imagine to go into a tailspin were actually due to anything more than a shift in technology – rather than the wholesale disillusionment of the joystick and cassette crowd.

Though many software houses will admit that the market was too crowded, some observers suggests too that the recent move by computer hardware manufacturers away from older 8-bit processor chip technology toward 16 and 32-bit processors has also been a major contributing factor. New machines such as Apple's Macintosh, Atari's ST range of home computers and Sinclair's QL have all contributed to the shift in machines and processor technology which software houses must face.

This has meant that though the Macintosh and QL (both based around the Motorola 68000 chip technology) machines were replaced early in 1984, software is only now being released in volume for them because of a long development curve for the type of more "serious" software on those machines, the lack of program development tools during the computers development period and a need for the market to be sure that the micros will prove themselves.

Vacancies galore – no wrinklies needed

JOB SCENE

By Richard Sarson

Computing is considered a young man's industry. The acceptable age-range for people to change their job appears to be 25-35. After 40, it becomes difficult for the job-seeker, who begins to suspect that personnel managers and head-hunters make thier first cut on date of birth, and consign the over-40s straight to the waste-paper basket.

I am 34 (I have been for two decades) and experienced this problem for myself – when job-hunting a few years ago. I would apply for a job, which fitted my specialized career experience like a glove, but each time, sure enough, back came the brief, beautifully word-processed note. "We have other applicants whose experience and qualifications more closely match our needs for this position."

Why do personnel managers, particularly in the big companies, have such an aversion to the over-40s? Even Sir Clive Sinclair and Robb Wilmot are now, at last, over 40.

One of the reasons – or rationalizations – they give is that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, and in an industry which changes as fast as computers, you have to shoot the old dogs.

Other companies say that they need people with academic computer science qualifications, but such university courses were not set up in time for the over-40 generation. Others say that older men do not fit into young teams.

But ageism is both discriminatory and unscientific. It is as absurd to generalize about the ageing process as it is to generalize about the unsuitability of women or blacks for jobs. America realizes this, and has made it illegal to specify an age range in job advertisements.

About half the computer-marketing, consulting or managerial jobs advertised in last week's Sunday papers specified age ranges, the worst offenders being the large management consulting firms like Arthur Young, Coopers & Lybrand and Arthur Andersen.

An advertisement for a Human Resources Consultant, put in by PA Management Consultants, called for applicants of 27-33. By specifying such tight criteria, the advertiser seemed to be negating the value of the job advertised.

Skilled computer people of any age are in short supply. Industry is urging the Government to invest in a massive training programme, to bring more "competent" young people into the industry. Perhaps a retraining programme to extend the useful working life of existing computer people might be more cost-effective.

Some personnel consultancies, like MKA Search International, at Amersham, have a policy of disregarding age and place many over-40s. Bob Millar, one of the directors, points out that "it is the quality of the applicant's expertise which is of paramount importance".

A long-term computer manager, David Rodgers, has set up a placement agency in Woking, appropriately called Methuselah Corner, specifically for the older computing job-seeker.

He points out that the older professional writes more literate documentation, makes a better trainer, understands the user's point of view, does not jump jobs, and is less ambitious.

Thus, a team of old hands from the shop floor will be able to pass on the tricks of their trade into a production control system without filtering them through the minds of programming whizz-kids. The result will not be so logically elegant, but it will probably work better.

Marks puts spark into the Psion Organiser

By Simon Craven

Marks & Spencer has given a boost to the low-cost pocket computer, the Organiser, by ordering 3,700 of the units for in-house work. As part of its new credit card scheme, M & S will take 3,700 modified versions of the computer, which has not been selling well, despite a price tag of only £100.

When presented with a card, a sales assistant will enter the card number into the Organiser, which will compare it with the list of "invalid" cards (those which have been withdrawn, or reported lost or stolen).

The Organiser holds up to 8,000 card numbers on its plug-in memory pack, and can check a number within a second. The increase in speed, accuracy and convenience is obvious.

The central validation list is held on a mainframe computer; at regular intervals the invalid numbers will be "down-loaded" to fresh data cartridges ready for distribution to the stores. The existing cartridges are returned to base for recycling.

Other agreements announced by Psion at the same time confirm the trend towards the marketing of portable computers as complete packages, including software, aimed at specific applications. A building trade specialist, Wessex Publishing, has chosen the Organiser as the basis for a quantity and cost estimation package to be used in conjunction with a building price guide.

Superior Inc, a US sales and training group, has plans to use the pocket machines as recording devices for personal and business expenses in line with



Psion Organiser adapted for medical use

recently tightened US taxation rulings.

Psion itself has produced a medical version of the machine which contains details of the 280 drugs most commonly prescribed in the UK. As well as recovering information on recommended dosage and side-effects, the system can display the brand names of one generic type of drug, or vice versa.

Companies wanting to develop their own Organiser applications are catered for by the introduction of a complete development system based on the IBM PC.

Winners in schools contest

Judging has now been completed in *The Times* Network for Schools Communicate Competition. The winner is Stephen Perugi, 13, of Bedford, with his project for schoolchildren. He will receive an Acorn Electron home computer plus software and his school, Bedford Modern School, will receive the Acorn ABC 210, to presented by Lord David Young at the House of Lords, early next month.

The 10 runners-up are: Robert Brown, 15 of Bolsover School, Derbyshire; Luke Das-Gupta, 13, of Ysgol Friars School, Bangor; Lawrence De'Ath, 16, of Gosforth High School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Sarah Meggs, 15, of Priory School, Weston-super-Mare; Guy Pettigrew, 14, of Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire; Emma Scorer, 13, of Sacred Heart Lower School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Timothy Owen Simpson, 15, of Fowey School, Cornwall; Lorna Smith, 11, of Witton Middle School, Droitwich, Worcs; Joe Sweeten, 12, of Laxton School, Peterborough; Maria Taylor, 18, of Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

They will each receive a copy of *The Times* Concise Atlas plus a copy of *The Times* Atlas of the World for their school.

Acorn Computers will be donating a special prize for the entry sent in braille by Linden Lodge School in south London, a weekly boarding school for the visually handicapped. The judges were particularly impressed by those submitted by children in the 11 to 13 age group.

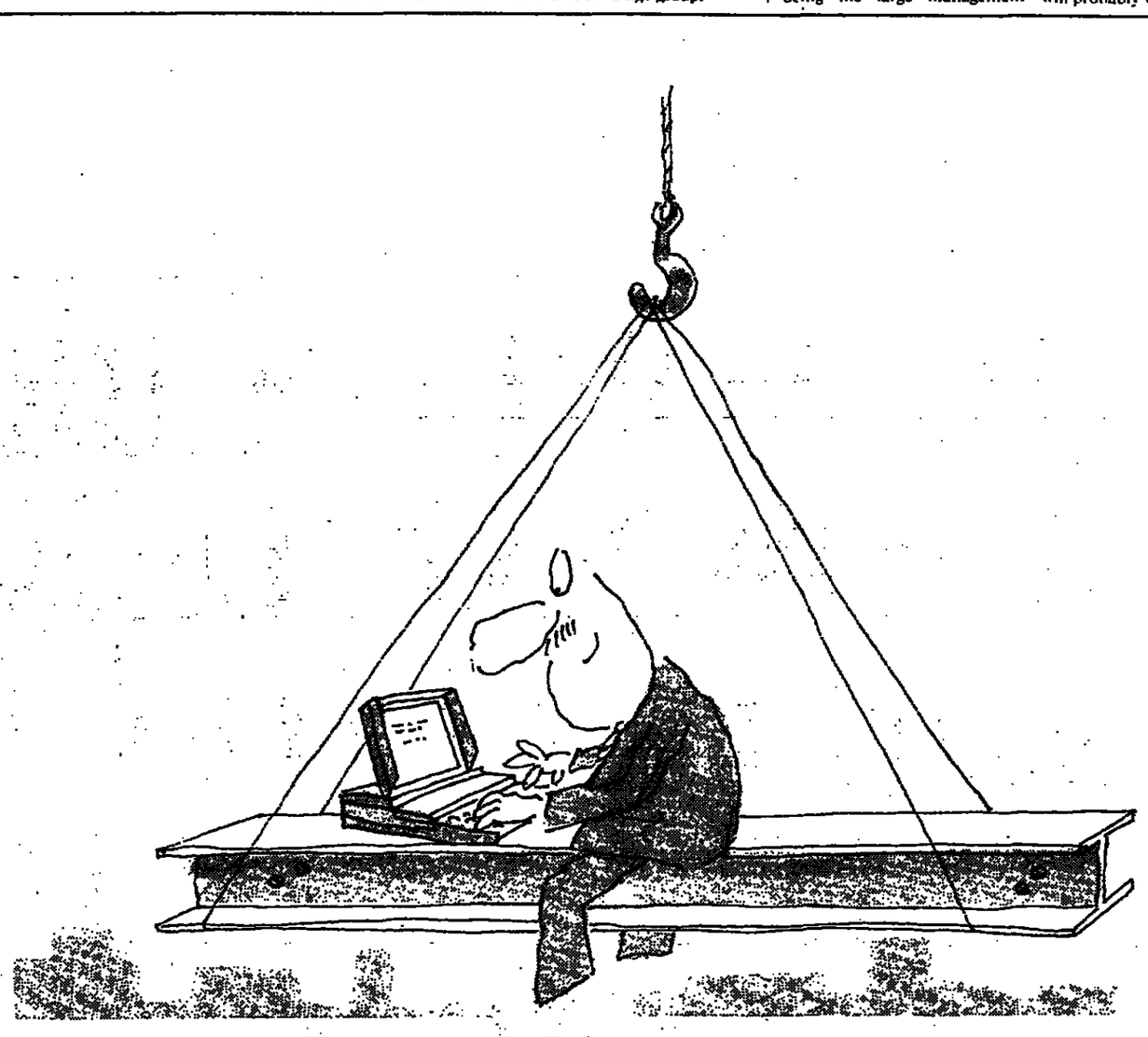
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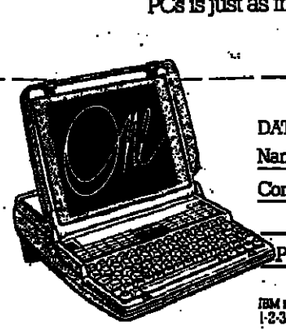
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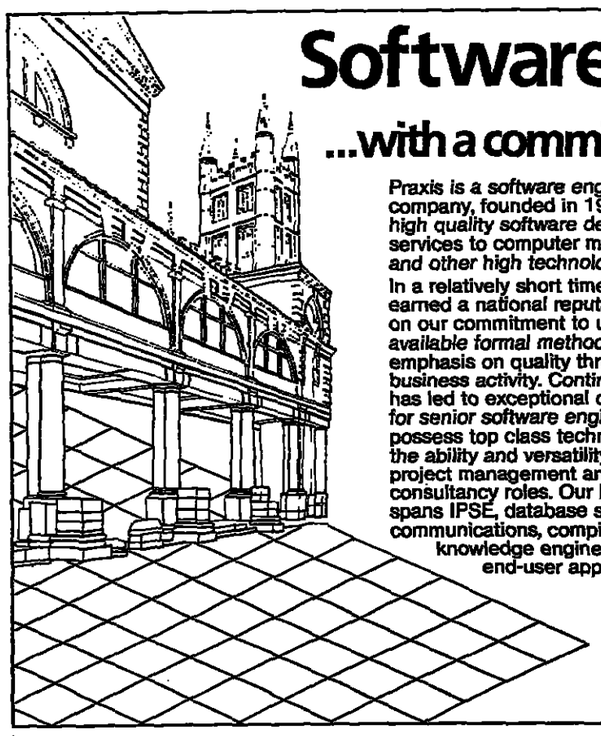
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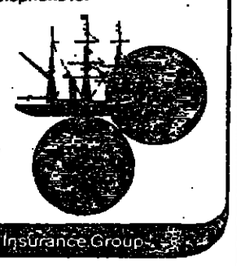
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/3

Learn to love your spreadsheet – every home should have one

By Derek Bradbury

Spreadsheets are all the thing these days. No home is complete without one. You may have thought they were something traditional used on hospital beds, or maybe an obscure feature of old sailing ships. But here they are, thrust on to our computer screens as the best device for doing sums since Logarithm invented his tables.

The great selling point is how they can answer what-if questions, such as, I suppose: What if I didn't have a spreadsheet?

In *l'informatique*, the French sometimes coin a better word: they call it a *tableur*. And so it is, because what you are actually getting is an automated table, with figures you set out in the usual up-down and side-to-side arrangement, plus as much description as you want in plain language (computerspeak for ordinary words) across the top, down the sides or even slap in the middle if you want.

The truly amazing thing is that when you key in numbers, or words, or a simple instruction – equivalent to, say, "add up this column" – the thing actually happens right away. And when you change your mind about one of the figures in the column, the total is automatically changed too.

There is no question of having to run a program, or work your way through screen menus like a frustrated gourmand in search of a tasty morsel.

"But what if the table is bigger than the screen?" sagely inquired my wife.

Well, what you have to imagine is that the complete table is drawn on the wall behind the television and can be moved around so that the screen is a kind of little fixed window on to it.

I leapt around to left and right, arms windmilling, to show the invisible remainder of the sheet spreading all over the sitting-room wall.

It is really hidden away in the silicon memory of the Abacus spreadsheet sitting inside our new Sinclair QL micro.

The snag is you must *do your own* thinking

We settled down cosily on the settee to an orgy of number-crunching and what-iffing about the next 12 months' domestic spending.

What if the fuel bill comes in earlier? What if we put less into the early retirement fund and blow it on more hols? What if we buy a decent monitor for the QL instead of using the wobbly old television screen?

Lo an behold, all the answers popped into our laps. Respectively they were "the beggars can wait a month", "we'll spend 20 per cent of it now", and "well, it's only money, isn't it?"

We juggled, with all the elements more or less in sight.

"It's good isn't it?" I kept saying anxiously to conceal the obvious cash hole already left by the QL with Abacus and the other programs, not to mention the holes opening up to finance more bits of kit.

But I need not have fretted. It was very good. The full spread of possibilities was soon revealed. This assumes that such a revelation is a good thing in front of one's dearest.

There is one little snag – or more of a precondition really. You have to be able to do your own thinking. The fifth-generation computer which will simulate *homo domesticus* is not here yet.

But if you can master the knack of tabulating your figures sensibly, the *tableur* will let you play the options until you have exhausted either the combinations or your patience.

The first spreadsheet was VisiCalc (spelt like that as a trade mark it seems). It went like a bomb on the first generation of micros, the early Apples and Pets in the neolithic age of more than five years ago.

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US export clamp under fire

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ Some European MPs have described American restrictions on the export of high technology goods as a breach of international law and an abuse of the dominant market share the United States has in the area. The criticisms are contained in a draft document for a European Parliament committee which is preparing a report on CoCom – a group of most Nato countries and Japan – which governs the export of high technology products.

The United States imposed trade restrictions on American hi-tech products which apply outside its borders and there is increasing concern that such extra-territorial action is being used for commercial advantage rather than just to restrict the export of militarily useful technology, as claimed.

This was reinforced by the leak last week of a report commissioned by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development which argues that, if US controls are accepted by CoCom, European countries would suffer more than the Eastern bloc.

■ Philips has revealed its MSX microcomputer at the Flanders Technology Show in Brussels. It is called the VP102 Professional and was shown controlling a laser disc recorder playing on interactive training program. "This is the major application which we see, initially for MSX", said a Philips spokesman. The group is preparing several laser disc and software packages to teach everything from cordon bleu cooking to car mechanics.

No details were given about the VP102, except that this first prototype is unlikely to be sold in the shops as a Philips MSX micro. "It's a start, said Philips. A combination of the VP102 and a laser disc player is likely to be expensive when first sold – around £3,000 for the hardware and £100 a time for programs.

Philips, however, is now working on a link between MSX micro and its compact disc players. This range of products, due out next year is likely to herald the cheaper combination of under £1,000, with programs priced at a quarter to a third of the original sale price.

■ If you are looking for a suitable gift to send to your business contact in Japan but are worried by offending local sensibilities by making a dreadful social gaffe, then a new Prestel-based shopping service aimed at the Japanese market could help you out. The on-screen catalogue, which is organised by Fuji Bank and the large retail group Matsuzakaya, lists the occasions on which it is proper to send gifts, and makes suggestions from its list of goods, including a wide variety of glass, china and clothing. Payment by credit card ensures delivery of the goods to the recipient in Japan, or, for the homesick Japanese expatriate, delivery to Britain.

■ The Dutch government is considering legislation to outlaw computer break-ins after a journalist used his home computer to gain access to public health records, a justice ministry spokesman said last week. Freelance journalist Jan Jacobs said he had broken into the files of the National Institute for Public Health and Environmental Hygiene to read secret documents. His aim was to show that official information had little protection.

"I think it is scandalous that a government organization should treat its data in such a way, especially when it involves an invasion of the privacy of individuals", Mr Jacobs said. His action led to calls in parliament for laws to protect computerized information. Justice minister Frederik Korthals Altes is now studying ways of making it illegal to gain unauthorized access to computer information, a spokesman said. At present The Netherlands has no specific legislation on computer break-ins.

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How that sales talk crunched my budget

USER HOSTILE

Bryan Appleyard



Good morning, Mike N. Maxmore BSc (Hons), fame at last. Got the jacket off yet? No self-respecting computer salesman should be seen dead in his jacket except when talking to his boss about the future or possibly in the pub at lunchtime. For the customer he wears grey flannel trousers, white shirt and a pseudo old school tie with diagonal stripes in tasteful colours. I blame it all on the peculiar air-conditioning requirements of computers.

It was clad thus that Mike N. emerged from a room at the back of a new computer shop in central London. He had been summoned by a receptionist. The point to note here is that BSc (Hons) is not a shop assistant. One enters this shop as if it were a doctor's surgery or a law practice. One then roughs out one's needs to a receptionist who then summons a *sales consultant*, always assuming you had not been after a sprig of millet for the budgie. The shop is not in the business of feeding budgies or of piling 'em high and selling 'em cheap as they do in Tottenham Court Road. This is a respectable emporium and Young Mr Mike has prospects.

Unfortunately they have not yet mastered the knack – acquired centuries ago by Saville Row tailors – of making it quite clear that they naturally assume Sir is loaded.

"How much," said the receptionist, "do you want to spend?"

"Er... perhaps £2,000." I reply, naming the absolute top price. Her concentration waivers. The eyelashes dip resignedly. She summons Mike. What, I wonder would have emerged from that back room if I had said half a million?

He makes the same blunder. Sharp intake of breath at sum mentioned, casual reeling off figures up to several times the poor hack's budget and finally: "I think your best bet's the Apricot." Then, seconds later, I leave clutching Maxmore's card.

The problem here is that this shop is not really for people like me. It wants businesses which may not notice the odd £500. Now I know, and Maxmore knows, that the prices he was quoting were all around a third higher than those quoted in the discount stores. This state of affairs is made doubly painful by the fact that right next door is another shop which, while not actually piling em high, does sell 'em cheap – judging by its ads. So whereas young Maxmore was muttering about a minimum of £3,000 for an IBM, the second shop is giving them away at £2,116, with a free printer worth, it is claimed, £420.

Of course, it is not that simple. There are various forms of the IBM PC, there is software and so on. Doubtless, the first shop could have come up with a reasonably competitve package. It did not. Part of the reason is that it is suffering from a form of schizophrenia. On the one hand the advertising of computers and the whole drift of the market is tending to draw the home and business markets closer together, on the other hand, the business-orientated shops cannot quite live with the fact. Somehow they should be able to cope with the dazed-looking writer looking for a tax write-off.

Anyway, one thing I did take away from Mike N was the certainty that I did not want an Apple Macintosh. Word processing, it seems, is not its strong point. Meanwhile the IBM is strictly for the Frederick Forsyths of this world. All roads seemed to lead to the Apricot.

Thus armed, I walked gratefully into the reassuring clutch of Peter N. Gordon BSc (Hons) another sales consultant who clearly shared a middle name with Mr Mike and perhaps with every other computer seller. What can this mean?

Immediately, he had bad news for ACT. The mention of the Apricot produced some wincing and dark mutterings about "back-up". Apple's Mac was again said to be inappropriate leaving only the awesome Big Blue. For Gordon IBM was the only runner. We moved to a round table. Excellent piece of theatre this – I seem to remember the Mormons doing something similar at Salt Lake City. It makes you think you've agreed to something already.

Then followed about half an hour of analysis of my needs, a short introduction to computer science and some significant vagueness about precise figures. Never mind I was hooked. I all but found myself describing my books, my feelings about Arthur Scargill and the viability of post-modernism with the man before he decided I did not need database software, simply a good word processor and an awful lot of discs – or "diskettes" as he persisted in calling them.

He started writing. IBM PC, two drives, 256K Ram, mono display: £2,266 ex VAT. Epson FX 80 printer: £389. Cable £40 (£40!). Total of £2,695 or £3,099.25 with VAT. Plus Wordstar word processing £295, blank diskettes: £34.95, two days' training on Wordstar £165 and another £50 for training on the IBM Disc Operating System. "That's how the computer shakes hands with you," explained Mr Gordon demonstrating by shaking hands with himself – another one from the Mormons, I think, or possibly the Masons.

All of which suggested big money until Gordon started talking turkey. At first he seemed to be offering either the training or the software free but then he threw in the lot free, leaving the £2,695 ex-VAT as the total price for the whole package.

Finally he rammed home the claims of his shop by announcing that, if I really wanted the Apricot, he could do me a deal on that. I felt positively lightheaded. Not only did I feel, at least temporarily, that I would consult Peter (we had parted on first-name terms) about anything to do with computers, I also felt I should perhaps put the management of my entire life in his hands.

I clutched his glossy folder and I almost made it to Tottenham Court Road before I realized I had talked myself into spending £700 over my absolute limit. And, besides, I had seen this ad for the Olivetti...

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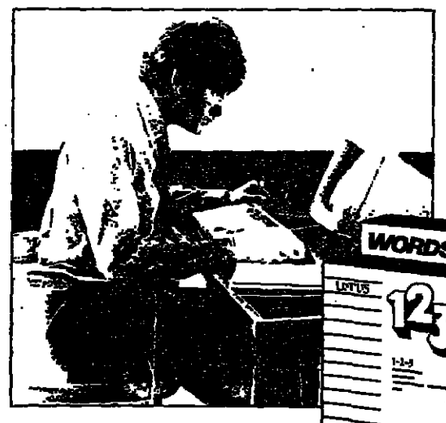


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Sports Commentary



David Miller

There was a form master at my school whose discipline was, to say the least, lenient. On one occasion during a particularly rowdy period, the headmaster, who was regarded with awe, suddenly appeared at the classroom door and demanded that we should be quiet until the form master returned: he was probably well aware that the master was in fact present in the melee. Mrs Thatcher's intervention in football's latest flurry of violence may be more ominous for Neil Macfarlane's future than it is for the vandals.

It would be surprising if the Prime Minister could cure in a week a malaise that has remained largely immune for 20 years to all the preventive medicine of the Football Association, police, magistrates and a succession of Ministers. Her demand for information will merely serve to accelerate the Department of the Environment's (DOE) additional conclusions to its report on spectator violence published last year by a working party representing Foreign and Commonwealth Offices, Home Office and the Department of Transport.

If Mr Macfarlane's efforts are seen so far to have been ineffective – and he has been analysing the problem at home and abroad for several years – two points should be made: that the laws as they stand under the strengthened Criminal Justice Act 1982 are sufficiently powerful but are not adequately applied, and that society is confronted with a delinquent group afflicted with comparatively new alienation. For every dozen mostly too leniently convicted, there are another 10 dozen eager to fill the trenches.

They are not predominantly football supporters, but utilize the game as a vehicle which offers the greatest scope for vandalism with the least probability of arrest. They are only partially the responsibility of the FA when inside the stadiums: in the streets they are no different from rioters in Toxteth, the coal fields or Margate. It is too simple to say that if the police could control the coal dispute pickets they can control football hooligans. It was easier to predict the targets of itinerant pickets than it is the random occurrence of violence at 92 League clubs.

Short-term call for revengeful justice

Encouraged by wanton, repetitive violence on television – where even the introductory montage of ITV's *World of Sport* concentrates exclusively on violence in sport – an element of unoccupied youth finds mob-handed confrontation with the police in the confused environment of football grounds an emotional fulfillment. Many are removed by their own personal injury or imprisonment.

If in the long term society must analyse the sickness and its causes, in the short term it must, with a degree of John Carlisle's call for revengeful justice, reduce the occurrence of public offence.

Tom Pendry, chairman of the all-party Parliamentary Football Committee, is concerned that Mrs Thatcher's involvement should not precipitate panic measures. Quite rightly, he stresses that alcohol sold inside the grounds is not the problem. Only season-ticket holders had access to alcohol at Luton, and civilized club-membership drinking forms part of football's hard-pressed income (as it does rugby). Mr Pendry wants renewed experiments with card indentification for visiting supporters, now available in sophisticated form with computers.

The 1984 DOE Report asked whether a new offence should be established to receive custodial sentence. It would be advantageous to all sports, though mostly football, if Parliament made it an offence for any spectator to enter the playing area illegally, never mind rip up seats. We do not want to reduce freedom, but if the innocent are to be protected, some freedoms must be compromised.

Proper security fences round all pitches, crowd video cameras, more police: these are mere details. Mrs Thatcher will only be doing some good if she recognizes that the problem extends far beyond football. We are breeding violent people.

FOOTBALL: ENGLAND CAPTAIN RETURNS TO LEAD AGAINST REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Davenport called up by England

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

There is a well-worn path that leads from Nottingham out into the country. Withe, Francis, Woodcock and Birtles have already taken it and yesterday Davenport followed in their footsteps. He is the fifth of Brian Clough's Forest forwards to be summoned by England and joins the squad preparing for the friendly international against the Repubic of Ireland next Tuesday.

Davenport, who celebrates his twenty-fourth birthday on Sunday, was rejected by his local club, Everton, before being lifted out of the shipyards of Cammell Laird. Although Clough was not surprised by the news of his first international call, Davenport himself is "embarrassed by it all. It doesn't seem five minutes ago since I joined Forest."

Bobby Robson was painful memories of his initial impact. Three seasons ago hes hoping to finish his managerial carreer at Ipswich Town by collecting the League championship, but his ambition was effectively ruined during their penultimate fixture. They were beaten at home by Forest and Davenport, in his fifth appearance, scored three goals.

He was claimed 16 so far this season and is invited, ironically enough, because Francis, with a sever head wound, and Woodcock, with a hamstring strain, are both ruled out. He will challenge Lineker, used once as a substitute, and the uncapped Waddle – if not Mariner – for the right to partner Hateley.

Bryan Robson, who greeted his long-awaited return with Manchester United's second equalizer against West Ham United last Friday, will regain his place, taken temporarily by Tottenham Hotspur's Stevens, who is now injured, and the captaincy, taken temporarily by Wilkins. Wright and Williams, left out for disciplinary reasons, are also back in favour.

Martin, however, is not. Booked early on during England's World Cup win in Belfast last month and fortunate later not to be sent off, he is dropped by Bobby Robson, who will probably make more than two changes. He is expected to rest Shilton and introduce either Bailey or Woods, his young and as yet inexperienced goalkeepers.

Steven, hailed prematurely as the new version of Coppell, retains his place in the party. So does his Evertonian colleague Stevens, a right back who was notabley exposed by Olsen at the beginning of the month, but England's manager is unlikely to alter extensively a defence that is unbeaten in the last five matches.

The under-21 squad, gathering for their appointment with the Republic at Portsmouth on Monday, includes Allen, West Ham's industrious midfield player, for the first time. He and the promising Webb, one of two representatives fro the socal secend division club, are the over-age members in the group of 18.

Vension and Pickering, of Sunderland, and Donowa, of Norwich city, are excluded because of their involvement in the Milk Cup final, to be held the previous day. Sinnott, of Watford, is the only other absentee from those who travelled to Israel last month. Buttersworth, Carr and Handyman are the replacements.

ENGLAND SQUAD: P Shilton (Southampton), G Bailey (Manchester United), C Woods (Norwich City), V Anderson (Arsenal), G Stevens, (Everton), K Sansom, (Arsenal), A Kennedy (Liverpool), T Butcher (Ipswich Town), M Wright (Southampton), D Watson (Norwich City), T Fenwick (Queen's Park Rangers), B Robson (Manchester United), R Wilkins (AC Milan), S Williams (Arsenal), G Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), T Stevans (Everton), P Mariner (Arsenal), M Hateley (AC Milan), G Linekes (Leicester City), C Waddle (Manchester United), P Davenport (Nottingham Forest), J Barnes (Watford).

ENGLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD: D Seaman (Birmingham), R Mimms (Rotherham); P Parker (Fulham), I Cranson (Ipswich), C Fairclough (Nottingham Forest), T Butterworth (Coventry), P Hardyman (Portsmouth), S Barker (Blackburn), I Snodin (Doncaster), C Carr (Fulham), N Webb (Portsmouth, S Robson (Arsenal), P Allen (West Ham, D Wallace (Southampton), A Cottee (West Ham), P Wilkinson (Grimsby), M Walters (Aston Villa), P Rideout (Aston Villa).



Forward choice: Waddle (left) and Davenport in challenge to partner Hateley

Bowen is called in by Wales

By Clive White

Wales's best hope of gaining a good result against Scotland at Hampden Park next Wednesday seems to lie in the inherent weakness of Scottish teams to assume victory before it has happened. On paper, form or even history (that of complacency apart) it is difficult to give Wales a whisper of a chance even of drawing.

Realistically, Wales have to win, something they have not done in Scotland since 1951 when merely pride and the defunct British championship were at stake. This time the outcome will as good as decide who goes to Mexico for next year's World Cup finals and who stays at home. Spain can afford to lose against Wales in Wrexham next month and still qualify.

Mike England, the Wales manager, has recalled Hopkins, the Fulham defender, in his squad of 16, which includes for the first time Bowen, a young full back with Tottenham Hotspur. Hopkins's selection allows England to keep open his options regarding the problem of who will partner Ratcliffe at centre back.

Against Norway last month England tried the stocky midfield player James in that position. He acquitted himself reasonably well, considering his inexperience in the position – half a dozen games for Queen's Park Rnagers reserves – but in the context of this coming game that was hardly adequate preparation. England has intimated that he might repeat the exercise against Scotland, or, to be painfully exact, against Dalglish and Johnston.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: J Leighton (Aberdeen), A Rough (Hibernian); S Nicol (Liverpool), A Albiston (Manchester United), R Gough (Dundee United), M Malpas (Dundee United), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), A Hansen (Liverpool), G Souness (Sampdoria), G Strachan (Manchester United), P McStay (Celtic), J Bett (Lokaren), J Wark (Liverpool), M Stepson (Aberdeen), K Dalglish (Liverpool), M Johnston (Celtic), S Archibald (Barcelona), P Sturrock (Dundee United), C Nicholas (Arsenal), D Cooper (Rangers).

WALES SQUAD: N Southall (Everton), E Niedzwiecki (Chelsea), N Slatter (Bristol Rovers), K Ratcliffe (Everton), J Jones (Chelsea), K Jackett (Watford), R James (QPR), D Phillips (Manchester City), M Thomas (Chelsea), P Nicholas (Luton), A Curtis (Southampton), I Rush (Liverpool), M Hughes (Manchester United), S Lovell (Millwall), M Bowen (Tottenham), J Hopkins (Fulham).

Hercules labour is rewarded

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

Barcelona's surprising defeat in Alicante by Hercules, a team they had just thrashed in the Spanish Cup, means they must wait a little longer before taking the championship. In a bruising game, in which Hercules had a man sent off, the home team got the only goal from a last-minute penalty.

In Italy, meanwhile, Verona's splendid 3-1 win in Florence gained them a point on Internazionale, who drew the Milanese derby 2-2 with Milan. The Italians were fascinated by the fact that shortly beforehand, Ray Wilkins of Milan and Liam Brady of Inter should go on holiday together with their families to Monte Carlo. Generally, it just isn't done for Milan and Inter players – or, in Turin, Juventus and Torino players - to be seen fraternizing.

Wilkins, in fine form, made Milan's opening first half goal for Virdis with a free kick. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge equalized with a superb solo goal and Altobelli put Inter ahead, but with Hateley rampant, Milan equalized through Verza three minutes later.

Little Galderisi, the forward Juventus rejected, got two of Verona's goals, one from the penalty spot. That makes nine this season.

While Evaristo, new team manager of Brazil, was confirming that he wouldn't use any Italian-based players for the World Cup qualifying tournament next June, Carlos Bilardo was visiting Florence to watch and talk to Fiorentina's centre-half, Daniel Passarella, who missed a penalty on Saturday. Now 31, Passarella seems sure to be in the Argentine squad for his third World Cup but, somewhat surprisingly, he's been told his captaincy will pass to Diego Maradona.

Zico, at odds with his team mates at Udinese, who resent his "favoured national treatment" by the club, has volunteered to go back to Brazil to join the training camp, before the season ends. Now Udinese can use him till the championship is over.

Bordeaux, surprising week-end losers at Tours, play their European Cup quarter-final second leg i Russia tomorrow against Dnieproprovsk after throwing away in infinity of chances in the draw home leg. Dieter Muller, their West German international centre-forward, was the chief culprit.

Juventus, held to a draw away to Roma last Sunday, should come through comfortably in Prague, where they have a three-goal lead over Sparta, while Panathinaikos are favourites to put out IFK Goteborg in Athens, having beaten them away.

In the Bundesliga there was a remarkable game between Bayern Munich and VFB Stuttgart. A goal down at half-time, Bayern werut two behind after the interval, but Denmark's Soren Lerby got a spectacular goal with a half-volley, Mathy equalized after 73 minutes, and Lothar Matthaus got the winner two minutes later from a penalty.

It looked as if there was going to be a riot in the Olympic Stadium when Stuttgart's Ohlicher, scorer of the first goal, was sent off for the eleventh time this season. Police had to quell youths with tear gas.

Roma, two goals down to Bayerin, will have Bruno Conti on duty tomorrow. Then he serves a five-match suspension for insulting a linesman at Verona. Not fair, says Conti; everyone insults the linesmen, every week.

● *Brian Glanville is Football Correspondent of The Sunday Times.*

Bingham banks on fresh talent for Spanish game

The Northern Ireland manager, Billy Bingham, has given another football unknown the chance of an international future by including Tranmere's Colin Clarke in his squad for next week's friendly match in Spain.

The fourth division forward's presence will raise a few eyebrows, but Bingham said: "I have this knack of spotting nobodies who turn into somebodies and I think Colin will be one of them." Bingham, who gave the careers of Watford's John McClelland and Blackburn's Jimmy Quinn a big boost, is convinced he can do the same for Clarke.

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD: P Jennings (Arsenal), J Finn (Coleraine), J Nicholl (West Bromwich Albion), J O'Neill (Leicester), J McClelland (Watford), M Donaghy (Luton Town), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), P Ramsey (Leicester City), S McIlroy (Stoke), J Stewart (Queen's Park Rangers), N Whiteside (Manchester United), J Quinn (Blackburn), S Armstrong (Real Mallorca), N Brotherston (Blackburn), B Hamilton (Oxford), A McGaughey (Linfield), C Clarke (Tranmere).

● Peter Mendham, the Norwich City midfield player, has been given the all-clear to play in Sunday's Milk Cup final against Sunderland at Wembley. Mendham had an X-ray on an injured toe yesterday and it revealed no break.

Favourites apart

Enfield and Altrincham have the chance to stage a repeat of the 1982 FA Trophy final at Wembley, after being kept apart in the semi-final draw yesterday. Enfield have been pitted against their near-neighbours Wealdstone, while Altrincham meet Boston United in the all-Gola League ties, over two legs, on April 6 and 13.

DRAW: Enfield v Wealdstone; Altrincham v Boston United.

May the only doubt in City's line-up

Manchester City look certain to be unchanged for their promotion match at Birmingham City tonight. The major boost is May, who has a slight leg injury. Tolmie is standing by.

In a match between two teams just beneath the promotion race Grimsby Town travel to Barnsley. Grimsby face a fitness crisis and are down to 13 players. Foley, suspended for one match, Moore (ricked neck) and Emson (flu) are out.

O'Learly returns to the Arsenal squad for their home game with Ipswich Town but is still doubtful with a thigh injury.

Aldershot's fourth division league match against Rochdale has been postponed because seven players are down with flu and one with mumps.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Three cities head Britain's quest to host the Olympics

Charles Palmer, chairman of the British Olympic Association, believes that Britain has a "realistic chance" of staging the 1992 Olympics in one of three cities, London, Manchester or Birmingham. Today the full committee of the BOA meet in London to discuss the possibilities of a British city making a bid for the games.

Mr Palmer said: "We have to make our intentions clear to the IOC by May. Then, if we decide to go ahead, we have to put in an official bid next year with details of all our facilities. Time is short but I believe that, realistically, we have a good chance of staging the games if we do go forward. We have many friends on the IOC who might be sympathetic to our cause".

Mr Palmer agreed that indoor facilities in Britain are poor compared to many other major countries but added: "We would welcome any viable bid from any city in the country". He and the BOA general secretary, Dick Palmer, have discussed possibilities with Manchester officials and go to Birmingham on Friday. They have had informal discussions with the ministers for sport and the environment.

At present there appears to be six rival contenders to Britain for the 1992 games. Barcelona, Belgrade, Brisbane, New Delhi, Paris, and a joint Amsterdam-/Rotterdam project are all hoping to be favoured in seven years' time, with the Netherlands thought to be favourites. Princess Anne will be present at today's BOA meeting.

ATHLETICS

MANCHESTER: Rank Xerox 10kms: 1, S Binns (Bingley) 29min 2sec; 2, T Leonard (Salford) 29:06; 3, K Harrison (Stretford) 29:18. Teams: 1, Stretford 36pts.

ATHLETICS



Cram kicks for home

Steve Cram (above) is backing Britain this summer but still wants to finish the season as the world's No 1 1,500 metres runner. The world champion, aged 24, plans to compete in eight domestic events, starting with the England-United States international meeting at Birmingham on June 21.

Cram's programme includes the AAA championships, where he will tackle the 5,000 metres, but he was quick to emphasize in London yesterday that he does not intend to move up to the distance permanently.

"I'm not moving up to 5,000, but will give it a go in the AAA championships

SKIING

Zurbriggen hopes still alive

Panorama, British Columbia (Reuter) – Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, clung to his chance of a second consecutive overall World Cup title by winning the season's last super giant slalom in a time of 1min 47.10sec.

Zurbriggen's victory in the first World Cup super giant slalom held in North America gave him 102 points in the giant slalom standings and 233 points in the competition for the overall championship, which is led by Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, with 262 points.

SUPER GIANT SLALOM: 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1min 47.10sec; 2, R Erlacher (It), 1:48.37; 3, T Buergler (Switz), 1:48.62; 4, M Wasmeier (WG), 1:48.76; 5, H Strolz (Austria), 1:49.05; 6, J Franko (Yug), 1:49.18; 7, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:49.37; 8, F Piccard (Fr) 1:49.88; 9, R Petrovic (Yug), 1:49.94; 10, M Eder (WG), 1:50.05; 11, E Riedlsperger (Austria), 1:50.19; 12, P Roth (WG), 1:50.64; 13, T Stangassinger (Austria), 1:50.75; 14, R Pramorion (It), 1:50.92; 15, O Toetsch (It), 1:50.93.

● WATERVILLE VALLEY, New Hampshire – Verni Schneider, of Switzerland, won the final women's World Cup giant slalom of the seaosn but West Germany's Marina Kiehl won the overall slalom crown with an eighth place finish. (Reuter reports). The American, Diann Roffe, who won her first World Cup giant slalom last Wednesday at Lake Placid, New York, was second.

Miss Kiehl and Michela Figini, of Switzerland, entered the race tied for first in the World Cup giant slalom on 110 ponts, but Miss Figini finished eighteenth.

GIANT SLALOM: 1, V Schneider (Switz), 2min 06.11sec; 2, D Roffe (US), 2:06.31; 3, T Haecher (WG), 2:06.66; 4, M Walliser (Switz), 2:06.71; 5, E Twardokens (US), 2:06.81; 6, C Quittet (Fr), 2:09.19; 7, P Pelen (Fr), 2:09.33; 8, M Kiehl (WG), 2:09.42; 9, T McKinney (US), 2:09.47; 10, D Armstrong (US), 2:09.48; 11, C Guignard (Fr), 2:09.50; 12, M Swet (Yug), 2:09.88; 13, S Eder (Austria), 2:09.73; 14, O Charvatova (Cz), 2:09.89; 15, A Wachter (Austria), 2:09.90.

GIANT SLALOM STANDINGS: 1, Kiehl, M Figini (Switz), both 110pts; 3, Schneider, 88; 4, Walliser, 87; 5, Haecher, 71; 6, E Kirchler (Austria) 85.

OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, Figini, 259; 2, B Oertli (Switz), 217; 3, Walliser, 197; 4, Kiehl, 168; 5, Charvasova, 167; 6, Kirchler, 156.

JUDO: Sandra Bradshaw, of Britain, beat Anne Vasnio of Finland, to win the 72-kilo class gold in the Women's European Championship at Landskronn Sweden, on Saturday.

BASKETBALL

Worthing walk tall in land of giants

By Nicholas Harling

How the mighty fall. No sooner do Crystal Palace fail to make the national championship finals for the first time than Sperrings Stars, last year's winners, join them among the absentees on March 30-31.

Solent were ruthlessly beaten 115-92 on Saturday by an inspired performance from Nissan Bears worthing in the play-off decider at Eastleigh. So impressive were Worthing that they can have done no harm to their chances if securing the sponsorship of Nissan Cars for another year at least. But for Nissan's intervention with £35,000 package last Ocrober, Worthing might have gone out of existence.

Worthing also owe their success to Bill Sherudan, who recalls thinking when he arrived as their coach two years ago: "What the hell an I doing here?" Worthing had just lost a practice game to Crystal Palace by more than 100 points but now Sheridan, a brusque 45-year-old New Yorker, says with the understatement ot the season: "I think we have made some progress."

Known as "Mad Bill" by his players, Sheridan had spent six hours studying a video recording of last Sunday's home defeat by solent in the first of the play -offs before cancelling a practice to spend another three hours playing back the tape with his players. "Video-tape apparatus is the greatest educational tool available," he explained after his players had implemented his instructions with masterly precision.

Worthing must wait for tomorrow's play-off between Cottrills Manchester Giants and Walkers Crisps Leicester, which has also gone to a decisive third game, before discovering who they play at Wembley. Manchester's 104-96 win at Urmston on Sunday makes them favourites to go through as Brookins, who has been out with a disclocated collar bone, should be fit

ICE HOCKEY

Return of the Redskins

By Robert Pryce

Streatham Redskins have threatened to fade from the play-off picture in recent weeks, but their weekend visit to the North East has them back in the grame. They met Cleveland Bombers on Saturday without their inspirational forward, Craig Melancon, had their net-minder sent off in the first period, but still gained their first away win for more than two months, 9-8, at the expense of a tema that had gone five games without defeat.

On Sunday they recovered from a 4-1 deficit at Durham before going down 6-5.

Streatham's plan to smother Cleveland's and Durham's big scorers with a small and eager checking line worked almost to perfection. Mark Howell was particularly efective against Earle (Cleveland) and Crapper (Durham), the premier division's second and third leading goalscorers. Peter Quincy, the tall left wing, hit four goals in about 20 minutes against Cleveland, and scored the goal that pulled Streatham level at 5-5 in Durham.

When Gary Brinc was sent off for disputing whether the triumphant gesture he made on saving Earle's penaly shot was "unsportsmanlike conduct". Jeff Smith came on and conceded the goal within 10 seconds.

Peterborough Pirates lived up to expectations by clinching the first division championship on Saturday.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Ayr Bruins 7, Durham Wasps 3; Cleveland Bombers 8, Streatham Redskins 9; Fife Flyers 6, Southampton Vikings 2; Nottingham Panthers 5, Murrayfield Racers 5; Ayr Bruins 18, Southampton Vikings 2; Durham Wasps 6, Streatham Redskins 5; Whitley Warriors 4, Murrayfield Racers 7. First division: Blackpool Seagulls 14, Gl Solihull Barons 10; Crowtree Chiefs 26, Deeside Dragons 3; Grimsby Buffaloes 2, Peterborough Pirates 26, Bournemouth Stags 8, Altrincham Aces 7; Gl Solihull Barons 11, Crowtree Chiefs 9.

IN BRIEF

Northern Ireland's four reach women's final

Ireland's provided the big shock in the CIS insurance British women's indoor championships in Glasgow when they beat England, the reigning champions, 29-12 in the semi-finals of the fours. Wales nearly provided all three finalists after a 25-14 win in the pairs and an 18-11 win in the triples, but the Scottish four from Coatbridge picked up a sho on the extra end of the fours semi-final to beat Josie Ward's rink 20-19.

● John Leeman, aged 20, of Stanley, County Durham, won the Prudential under-31 national indoor championships at Hartlepool on Sunday night, beating Keith Renwick, of Sunderland, 21-18 in a tense final.

MOTOR RACING: The Italian Automobile Club will propose the Mugello track at Florence as an alternative site to Rome for the European Grand Prix in October.

RACKETS: William Boone, the world champion, and his partner, Randall Crawley defeated Charles Hue Williams and Norwood Cripps, the Eton professional, 10-15, 15-2, 15-7, 15-2, 15-8 in the semi-finals of the Celestion Open Doubles Championship at Queen's Club

RUGBY UNION: confirmed yesterday that the Wales team for the five nations international against France in Paris will be named after the weekend's Welsh Cup matches.

TABLE TENNIS: England's teams maintained their unbeaten run on the second day of the Commonwealth Championships in Douglas, Isle of Man. The women's second string pair of Karen Witt and Fiona Elliot beat Jersey 3-0, while the men's team, resting Desmond Douglas, beat Northern Ireland, 5-0

BILLIARDS: Ray Edmonds, beaten twice in previous semi-finals, won the world professional championship for the first time on Sunday night, beating Norman Dagley 3-1,

CRICKET

New Zealand escape with a draw

Kingston (AFP) – New Zealand, struggling to come to terms with the conditions in the opening match of their West Indies tour, had some anxious moments but held out for a draw against the Shell Shield XI on the third and final day here on Sunday.

SCORES: New Zealand 267 (M D Crowe 118; C Butts 7 for 90) and 199 (J Wright 66; A Gray 5 for 55, G Mahabir 4 for 72); Shell Award XI 316 (L Kelly 132; J Bracewell 3 for 58, G Troup 2 for 41) and 16 for 1

● England's tour of the Caribean next year will definitely go ahead, the president of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control, Alan Rae, said yesterday (Reuter reports). There have been doubts over the tour as English players banned for playing in South Africa are again available for international selection

● West Indies have replaced the injured fast bowler, Marshall, with Baptiste for the first one-day international against New Zealand in Antigua (AFP reports).

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINA: Platense 1, Ramon Santamarina u Racing Cordoba 2; Estudiantes Del la Plata 0; Boca Juniors 2, Atlet. Homos 1; Estudiantes Cordoba 5, Temperley 0; Guaram Misiones 2, Huracan 1, Independiente 0, Talleres Cordoba 1; Cipolletti Rio Negro 1, River Plate 2; Gimnasia y Esgrimav la Plata 2, Union 1; Newell's Old Boys 1, Huracan Mendoza 1; Nicanor Otamendi Mar del Plata 0, San Lorenzo de Almagro 2; Belgrano Cordoba 2, Chacarita Juniors 5, Central Norte Salta 0, Argentinos Juniors 0; Juventud Alianza San Juan 0, San Martin Tucuman 0, Velezv Sarsfield 2, Argentinos de Firmar Santa Fe 0; Deportivo Espanol 2, Instituto Cordoba 1; Ferro Carril Deste 3, Juventud Anonima Salta 0

AUSTRIAN: SC Eisenstadt 0, Austria Vienna 1; Sv Spittal 2, Sportclub Vienna 0; Admira Wacker 4, Austria Klagenfurt 0; Sturm Graz 3, Voest Linz 2; Lask Linz 2, Gak 0; SSW Innsbruck 2, Vienna 1, Fav AC 0, DSV Alpine 1; Rapid Vienna 4, Austria Salzburg 0. Leading positions: 1, Austria Vienna 332 pts. 2, Rapid Vienna 28, 3, Lask Linz 23.

BELGIAN: Anderlecht 1, Waterschei 0; FC Malines 3, Saint Nicklaus 1, Beerschot 3, FO Liege 1, Beveren 5, Kortrijk 0; Lierse 1, Racing Jet 1, Lokeren 0, Gent 0; Waregem 1, FC Bruges 1; Cercle Bruges 0, Royal Antwerp 2; Standard Liege 1, Seraing 0. Leading positions: 1, Anderlecht 41 pts; 2, Waregem 34, 3, FC Liege 31.

BULGARIAN: Bosev 2, Cerno More 0; Spartak Sofia 1, Dounav 0; Chernomorets 1, Trakia 0; Pirin 1, Lokomotiv Sofia 0; SCKA Sofia 2, Etur 0; Spartak 1, Sliven 0; Minyor 1, Beroe 1; Slavia Sofia 4, Levski Spartak Sofia 2. Leading positions: 1, Levski Spartak 26; 2, CSKA Sofia 21, 3, Minyor 21

CZECHOSLOVAK: Slovan Bratislava 0, Bohemians Prague 1; RH Cheb 2, Dukla Prague 0; Dukla Banska Bystrica 1, EVL Zilina 2; Slavia Prague 1, Inter Bratislava 0; Banik Ostyava 0, Sigma Olomouc 0; Spartak Trnava 2, ZTS Petrzelka 0; Tatran Presov 1, TJ Vitkovice 0; Sparta Prague 3, Lokomotiva Kosice 0. Leading positions: 1, Bohemians 30pts; 2, Slavia 25; 3, Banik Ostrava 25.

DUTCH: NAC Breda 1, Volendam 0; PSV Eindhoven 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 0; PEC Zwolle 0, FC Utrecht 2; Twente Enschede 1, FC Groningen 2; Sparta Rotterdam 2, FC Den Bosch 1; Excelsior Rotterdam 1, Fortuna 1; Ajax 4 AZ'67 Alkmaar 2; FC Haarlem 2, Feyenoord 3. Leading positions: 1, Ajax 37pts; 2, PSV Eindhoven 34; 3, Feyenoord 29.

EAST GERMAN: FC Magdeburg 2, Dynamo Berlin 2, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 3, Dynamo Dresden 3; Wismut Aue 1, Verwaerts Frankfurt 0; Chemie Leipzig 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Stahl Brandenburg 2, FC Karl Marx Stadt 0; Hansa Rostock 3, Lokomotiv Leipzig 1; Stahl Riesa 3, Motor Suhl 1. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Berlin 30pts; 2, Dynamo Dresden 27; 3, Lokomotiv Liepzig 25.

FRENCH: Sochaux 0, Toulon 0; Rouen 0, Lille 0; Strasbourg 1, Toulouse 0; Laval 0, Monaco 0; Tours 1, Bordeaux 0; Auxerre 2, Paris SG 1, Metz 2, Brest 0; Lens 0, Nantes 1; Marseille 5, Basta 0; Racing Club Paris 1, Nancy 1. Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux 45pts; 2, Nantes 42; 3, Auxerre 38.

GREEK: Olympiakos 4, Panionios 2; Ethnikos 1, Panathinaikos 0; Aris 0, Apollon Athens 0; PAOK 3, Apollon Kalamarias 1; Pierikos 1, Larisa 2; Panachaiki 2, Egaleo 0; Doxa 0, Iraklis 2; AEK 2, OFI 1. Leading positions: 1, PAOK 32pts; 2, Panathinaikos 30; 3, Olympiakos 30.

HUNGARIAN: Eger 1, MTK-VM 0; Honved 3, Szeged 0; Pecs 2, Vasas 2; Csepel 2, Upest Dozsa 1; Debrecen 3, Bekescsaba 5; Ferencvaros 0, Haladas Szombathely 0; Videoton 1, Raba Eto Gyor 2; Tatabanya 2, Zalaegerszeg 0. Leading positions: 1 Honved 25pts, 2, Videoton 24; 3, Raba Eto Gyor 22

ITALIAN: Ascoli 1, Como 0; Cremonese 1, Lazio 1; Fiorentina 1, Verona 3; Internazionale 2, Milan 2; Napoli 1, Atalanta 0; Roma 1, Juventus 1; Torino 1, Sampdoria 1; Udinese 2, Avellino 0. Leading positions: 1, Verona 33 pts; 2, Internazionale 30; 3, Torino 28.

LUXEMBOURG: Spora 1, Union Luxembourg 1; Aris Bonnevoie, Rumelange 1; Wiltz 4, Stade Dudelange 2; Progres Niedercorn 1, Red Boys 4; Alliance Dudelange 0, Jeunesse Esch 2; Eschen 0, Beggen 2. Leading positions: 1, Jeunesse Esch 25pts; 2, Red Boys 24; 3, Beggen 19.

PORTUGESE CUP: Fourth round: Salgueiros Porto 0, Boavista Porto 1; Rio Ave 1, Sporting Lisbon 1, Varzim 2, Academica Coimbra 1; FC Porto 1, Braga 0; Benfica 4, Cova Piedade 0; Maritimo 2, Vitoria Guimaraes 0; Gil Vicente 0, Covilha 1; Pareders 3, Maninhenze 1.

RUMANIAN: Rapid Bucharest 0, Steaua Bucharest 2; Dynamo Bucharest 1, Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 2; Corvalrul Hunedoara 2, OLT 1, Politehnica Timisoara 3, Arges Pitesti 1; TG Mures 1, Bacau 0; Politehnica Iasi 1, Universitatea Craiova 2; Brasov 0, Jiul Petrosani 0; Cuhimia RM Vilcea 2, Gloria Buzau 1; Bihor Oradea 3, Bele Mare 1.

SOVIET: Zenit Leningrad 1, Spartak Moscow 4; Zhalgers Vilnius 0, Dynamo Tbilisi 1; Dynamo Kev 1, Torpedo Moscow 2; Metallist Kharkov 3, Kairat Alma Ata 0; Shakhtyor Donetsk 4, Chernomorets Odessa 0; Neftnchi Baku 1, Ska Rostov 2; Pakat Voronezh 1, Ararat Yerevan 0; Torpedo Kutaisi 1, Dynamo Minsk 1; Dynamo Moscow 1, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 1.

SPANISH: Hercules 1, Barcelona 0; Valencia 0, Sporting Gijon 2; Murcia 2, Seville 0; Atletico Madrid 2, Valladolid 0; Malaga 0, Elche 0; Real Sociedad 1, Athletic Bilbao 2; Betis Seville 1, Santander 2; Osasuna Pamplona 1, Real Madrid 0; Espanol 3, Real Zaragoza 2. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona 46pts; Sporting Gijon 36

TURKISH: Besiktas 0, Trabzonspor 0; Altay 2, Fenerbahce 2; Sakaryaspor 0, Galatasaray 1; Ankaragucu 1, Kocaelispor 0; Malatyaspor 3, Eskisehirspor 2; Antalyaspor 1, Zonguldakspor 0; Bursapor 2, Genclerbirligi 1, Sanyer 3, Orudusspor 3; Benzilspor 3, Bolusspor 0. Leading positions: 1, Besiktas 37pts; 2, Fenerbahce 34, 3, Trabzonspor 34.

WEST GERMAN: Kaiserslautern v Hamburg, postponed; Armina Bielefeld 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Werder Breman 2, Fortuna Dusseldorf 1; Bayer Uerdingen 2, Waldhof Mannheim 1; Bayern Munchen 3, Stuttgart 2; Borussia Dortmund 2, Cologne 0; Bayer Leverkusen 1, Bochum 1, Karlsruhe 0, Borussia Monchengladbach 1; Eintracht Brunswick 4, Schalke 2 Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich 33pts; 2, Werder Breman 30; 3, Borussia Monchengladbach 26.

YUGOSLAV: Vojvodina Novi Sad 4, Buducnost Titograd 0; Partizan Belgrade 2, Pristina 0; Dinamo Zagreb 5, Radnicki Nis 1; Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 2, Sarajevo 2; Sloboda Tuzla 0, Velez Mostar 0; Dinamo Vinkovci 1, Iskra Bugojno 1; Rikeka 2, Vardar Skopje 2; Sutjeska Nikstic 1, Red Star Belgrade 1; Hajduk Split 1, Osijek 0.

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS — Paul Newman

Saturday March 23 unless stated

MILK CUP FINAL

Not on coupons: Norwich v Sunderland (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION

X Coventry v Watford
1 Everton v Arsenal
1 Leicester v West Ham
1 Manchester U v Aston V
2 Stoke v Nottingham F
1 Tottenham v Shampton
2 WBA v Liverpool

Not on coupons: Ipswich v Newcastle, Luton v QPR

SECOND DIVISION

2 Barnsley v C Palace
X Birmingham v Brighton
X Carlisle v Wimbledon
X Huddersfield v Fulham
1 Notts Co v Wolves
1 Oldham U v Grimsby
1 Oxford v Man C
1 Portsmouth v Cardiff
X Sheffield U v Leeds
X Shrewsbury v Blackburn

Not on coupons: Charlton v Middlesbrough (Friday)

THIRD DIVISION

2 Bolton v Reading
1 Bradford C v Bluenford
X Bristol C v York
X Burnley v Bournemouth
X Derby v Bristol R
1 Hull v Plymouth
X Millwall v Gillingham
1 Newport v Wigan
X Orient v Swansea
1 Preston v Lincoln
1 Rotherham v Doncaster
1 Walsall v Cambridge U

FOURTH DIVISION

2 Aldershot v Blackpool
X Darlington v Chesterfield
1 Exeter v Colchester
1 Hartlepool v Tranmere
2 Mansfield v Hereford
1 Peterboro v Swindon
1 Rochdale v Stockport
2 Southend v Bury
1 Wrexham v Torquay

Not on coupons: Crewe v Port Vale (Friday); Halifax v Chester (Friday); Scunthorpe v Northampton (Friday)

NORTHERN PREMIER

X Morecambe v Goole
1 Stafford v Chorley
1 Witton v Hyde
1 Worksop v Southport

SCOTTISH PREMIER

2 Dumbarton v Hearts
1 Dundee U v St Mirren
2 Hibernian v Aberdeen
2 Morton v Celtic
1 Rangers v Dundee

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Meadowbank
2 Clyde v Motherwell
1 Clydebank v Partick
X East Fife v Falkirk
1 Hamilton v Ayr
X Kilmarnock v Forfar
2 St Johnstone v Brechin

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Berwick v Q of South

Not on coupons: Cowdenbeath v Arbroath. Dunfermline v Stenhousemuir; E Stirling v Queen's Park; Montrose v Alloa, Stirling Albion; Stranraer v Raith

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams) Birmingham, Carlisle, Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Shrewsbury, Bristol City, Burnley, Derby, Millwall Darlington, Exeter Morecambe

BEST DRAWS: Carlisle, Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Bristol City Darlington

AWAYS: Nottingham Forest, Liverpool, Blackpool, Hereford, Bury

HOMES: Everton, Manchester United, Notts County, Portsmouth, Bradford, Hull, Rotherham, Walsall Stafford, Dundee United, Airdrie, Clydebank

RACING

Young Nicholas to step up on promising debut

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Nick Henderson's Lambourn stable in such sparkling form, Young Nicholas is napped to win the Old Slindonians Challenge Cup at Fontwell Park today.

Spartan Missile, Fiorenzo, Maganyos, See You Then, The Tsarevich, First Bout and Backstreet Guy have won for the Windsor House yard in the past fortnight and when a stable is in form like that, all things are seemingly possible.

By winning twice on the Flat at Windsor, one of the sharpest tracks in the country, Young Nicholas showed that he was a handy type, capable of adapting to the problems posed by Fontwell, which is also on the tight side.

Later in the year, Young Nicholas changed hands for 22,000 guineas and joined Henderson's yard but it was not until March 9 that he began his jumping career at Chepstow. He performed with such promise in that race to finish third behind Forewarn (subsequently disqualified) and the useful Ace Of Spies, that his name went straight into my notebook as the probable winner of a similar race in the near future.

This, then, looks the ideal opportunity for Young Nicholas to live up to that promise. Rainbow Lady, with three victories from six starts to her credit, is clearly a cut above average but Martin Pipe's talented mare may not be able to give 13lb to my nap.

Solid Rock's victory at Lingfield on Saturday can be interpreted as a pointer to the good chance that Cheadle Green has of winning of the Slindon College Handicap Chase.

Running for the first time for 10 weeks, Cheadle Green finished just behind Solid Rock at Chepstow earlier this month when they were third and fourth respectively in the race won by Veleso from Co Member. A repetition of that performance should see Cheadle Green go close off bottom weight in this company.

Mendaleak looks a good bet to win the Slindon Scholars Long Distance Handicap Hurdle, even though his weight has been increased to 11st 7lb by a 10lb penalty incurred for winning his last race at Newbury by 10 lengths.

His owner and trainer, William Price, could have run him instead in the Soar Handicap Hurdle at Nottingham this afternoon with an 8lb penalty but he formed the opinion that the opposition at Fontwell was marginally less formidable.

In his absence, the Nottingham race may be won by Crammond Brig, whose trainer, Mick Easterby, certainly appears to have the answer to the Trent Handicap Chase in the shape of his much improved eight-year-old, Mr Snugfit.

My selection beat the useful Planetman by a dozen lengths over today's course and distance towards the end of February. In the meantime Mr Snugfit has won again at Carlisle where he had Succeeded 11 lengths behind in third place. On only 3lb better terms, Succeeded seems unlikely to take his revenge.

Course specialists

FONTWELL

TRAINERS: N Henderson 13 winners from 58 runners, 22.4%; Mrs N Smith 27 from 130, 20.8%; T Forster 15 from 83, 18.1%

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles 17 winners from 72 rides, 23.6%; J Francome 31 from 160, 19.4%; P Double 11 from 59, 18.6%.

NOTTINGHAM

TRAINERS: N Henderson 11 from 51, 21.6%; Mrs M Rimell 8 from 50, 16.0%; M H Easterby 9 from 59, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore 24 winners from 127 rides, 18.9%; P A Charlton 6 from 34, 17.6%; H Davies 7 from 47, 14.9%.



Oh So Sharp, Henry Cecil's 1,000 Guineas contender, who makes her eagerly-awaited seasonal debut in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket on April 18

Greenham is earmarked for Lanfranco's reappearance

By Michael Seely

Lanfranco, favourite at 8-1 to give Henry Cecil his first race of 1985 in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury, and Oh So Sharp, the second choice in the market for the 1,000 Guineas, will go for the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket before last season's Hoover Fillies' Mile winner attempts to give Sheikh Mohammed his first home-bred classic triumph in the 1,000 Guineas.

The punters certainly think that their trainer, Henry Cecil, is going to be champion for the sixth time this season. The stable jockey, Steve Cauthen, was yesterday backed at 5-4 with William Hill to retain the title he won for the first time last year. The 24-year-old American is now a 5-4 chance.

Lanfranco credited Cecil with his tenth pattern victory of the season when beating Damister and Brave Bambino in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster. Oh So Sharp has been one of the market leaders for the first of the fillies' classics since making the most of the 4lb she was receiving from Helen Street at Ascot. "Lester was very impressed that afternoon," the trainer said. "He said that she could have pulled out a lot more and that there was plenty left in the tank."

All trainers' geese are, of necessity, unknown swans at this early stage of the campaign. "We were set back three weeks by the hard weather in February," Cecil said. "There's no point in trying to make too many firm plans until I've been able to give the horses some fast work. All they've had is plenty of conditioning exercise. I'm playing it by ear and I'm not going to run them until they tell me that they're ready."

Cecil is therefore not yet certain whether Lanfranco will prove himself to be quick enough to be allowed to take his chance in the 2,000 Guineas. "We'll have to see how he shapes," he said. "Obviously he could well miss Newmarket and go for one of the Derby trials after Newbury."

Heraldiste and Presidium are other possibilities for the first of the colts' classics. After beating 19 rivals impressively at Yarmouth in September, Heraldiste was strongly fancied for the Dewhurst Stakes, but could only finish fifth, 2½ lengths behind Kala Dancer.

"He ran pretty creditably but was never going properly. The Craven Stakes at Newmarket is a likely early-season target." Presidium is a half-brother to Kris, Diesis and Keen by General Assembly, who, after winning his Yarmouth maiden in good style, finished runner-up to Local Suitor in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury.

"He ran pretty well against a lot of semi-sprinters. He had to use his speed up early on and got tired. But he's a much stronger horse this year." Other Derby possibilities, apart from Lanfranco, are Royal Coach, Lysander and Slip Anchor.

Royal Coach belongs to Jim Joel. A full brother to the 1981 1,000 Guineas winner, Fairy Footsteps, and a half-brother to the same owner's St Leger winner, Light Cavalry, the Mill Reef colt won his only two starts at Yarmouth and Goodwood. "He's done particularly well," the trainer said. "I'd love to have a runner in the race for Mr Joel."

Lysander was an impressive winner of his only race at Leicester in November and Slip Anchor also showed potential when beating Rushad convincingly at Nottingham in October for Lord Howard de Walden. Of the other three-year-old fillies in the yard, Cecil thinks highly of Ever Genial and Batave.

Dick Hinder meets the understudy of Warren Place

Eddery emerging from his brother's shadow

Following in the footsteps of a famous brother is never easy, but 21-year-old Paul Eddery, 12 years younger than his brother, Pat, the former champion jockey, is rapidly emerging as a natural talent in his own right. Paul Eddery made a considerable impact last year in his first full season as second jockey to Henry Cecil. His tally of 46 winners was exactly double his previous best, achieved in 1983.

The young rider, fresh-faced and with the compact physique of a born Flat jockey, admitted at first that he was always looking up to his elder brother. He said: "I am very loyal to Pat, of course, my brother has been very lucky in his career and I admire his riding tremendously. He always seems to be in the right place at the right time. But now I realize I have a job to do and must get on with my own career."

That career was carved out with a promising apprenticeship under the guidance of Reg Hollinshead before he was invited to join Cecil's powerful Newmarket team.

> 'It's no good me trying to copy Lester – he's unique'

Last year Eddery was understudy to Lester Piggott. How much did he learn from the grand master? "Well, it's no good trying to copy Lester's riding style - he's unique. But I got on well with him and he was very helpful. He didn't say a lot, but when he spoke I listened, and he made a lot of sense."

Now Eddery is looking forward to teaming up with Steve Cauthen, the 1984 champion, who has taken over the reins as first jockey at Warren Place. Nigel Day, contracted to Jocelyn Reavey's stable, will also be available for rides.

For style, Walter Swinburn is top of Eddery's list. "He's such a gifted rider and although he may not be as hungry as other jockeys when it comes to grabbing rides, he makes up for it with his skill."

Looking fit after spending his second consecutive winter riding for Ron Mason, the former British-based trainer, in Brisbane, Eddery is relishing the challenge of a new season.

His ambition is to be first jockey to a big stable in his own right and his confidence has soared through regularly riding quality horses against the senior ranks. "It was a real boost for me that Mr Cecil was happy to put me up on some of his top horses last year. He's a marvellous man to work for. So relaxed and easy to talk to. There is such a good atmosphere among his staff. It's a great yard to work in."

One of Eddery's highlights last season was partnering Oh So Sharp when she made her winning debut at Nottingham. "She is the most impressive filly I have sat on and it's going to take a smart one to beat her in the 1,000 Guineas," he said.

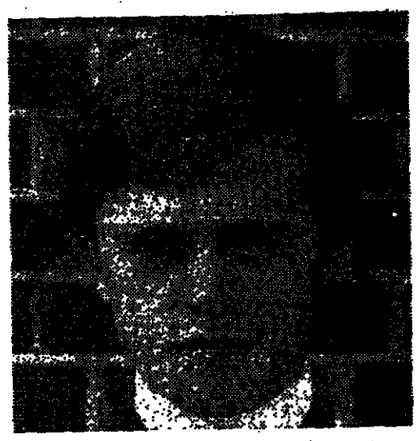
Eddery was also taken with Royal Coach, owned by Mr Jim Joel. "I won on him twice, at Yarmouth and Goodwood, and he looks a super prospect for the Derby and Leger. I would love the chance to ride him as a three-year-old, but we will have to wait and see how the classic trials work out."

> 'Paul has a natural talent and a bright future' – Henry Cecil

Eddery comes from a family of 12 children (he has five brothers and six sisters). His father, Jimmy was Flat champion in Ireland and Paul has a younger brother, David, who is apprenticed to another Newmarket trainer, Robert Williams, and rode his first winner last season.

Outward going with a good sense of humour, Eddery enjoys a game of tennis or squash. He still laughs over an end-of-term prank played on him by one of the Hills twins (Michael or Richard – he wasn't sure which). The victim walked out to the parade ring for the final race of the Flat season at Doncaster sporting a notice pinned on to his silks, which read in capital letters "I AM A SILLY BOY".

Nothing could be further from the truth, judged by Henry Cecil's end-of-term report on Eddery. The champion trainer said: "I am delighted with his progress. Paul has a natural talent and is improving all the time. He has a bright future."



Paul Eddery: looking forward to teaming up with Steve Cauthen this season

North West delights his owner

Frank Hill, one of racing's best known owners, fulfilled a 10-year ambition and enjoyed a belated birthday present when North West won the Don Butchers Challenge Trophy Handicap Hurdle at Plumpton yesterday.

Mr Hill was 82 on Saturday and this success, his 101st as an owner, came as no surprise. "Frank has tried to win this race for 10 years and it all went exactly to plan today. North West stays three miles so I told Candy to help force the pace which she did to perfection," the winning trainer, Charlie Moore, said.

This victory was the third of daughter Candy Moore's career and her father was full of praise. "She is a hard working girl and deserves any success that comes her way. She has a strong showjumping background and sees a stride at the jumps so well," he said.

"North West broke down very badly last season but came back to run a cracker over fences at Lingfield first time out. But he then lost his confidence on his next two outings and so we switched him back to hurdles where he will stay from now on." Moore said.



Candy Moore: partnered North West to victory

Hyde shines on Curragh Gold

By Our Irish Correspondent

John Hyde, the Irish apprentice, who earned himself a winter's race-riding experience in Australia as his prize for winning the European Apprentice Championship in 1984, had his first mount for his new retaining trainer, Noel Meade, on Curragh Gold at Leopardstown yesterday.

Curragh Gold sprung a 33-1 surprise in the Warmlife Three-Year-Old Fillies' Race over seven furlongs and, allied to a first race shock win by Coisin Luath, made Irish punters regret that the start of the Flat season had not been delayed a little longer.

Dermot Weld, who won last year's Lincoln with Saving Mercy, described Stracomer Nurse as a most unlikely starter at Doncaster on Saturday after the mare had been beaten in the Burmah Lincolnshire Trial by Garvey Towers.

Irish hurdles form took quite a knock at Cheltenham last week and the last remaining star with an unblemished record, Galmoy, easily retained his unbeaten National Hunt record against modest opposition in the GTX Hurdle.

Primo Dominie to join Stoute

Primo Dominie, one of last season's leading two-year-olds, is to join Michael Stoute's stable after running in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket in May. This comes about as a result of the late Brian Swift's Epsom stables coming on the market.

His father, Jack, said: "The stable could be on the market in May. It will be on the understanding that whoever buys the yard will not be able to take over possession until the end of the season. I've promised Geoff Lewis he can train 30 of the horses. The other 10 will be leaving for different stables."

FONTWELL PARK

GOING: Good.

2.0 MUNDHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£847: 2m 2f:) (22 runners)

1	002430-	ALLADO (A Neaves) A Neaves 9-12-1	B Powell
3	30/p00-	FLASH (D Lockyer) G Balding 9-11-10	Mr P Upton 7
4	21/403u	CANDAULES (C James) 7-11-11	R Arnott 4
6	002-000	BALI GEORGE (Mrs M Jackson) P M Taylor 7-11-5	A Carroll
7	p0030022	THE GOVERNOR (B) (BF) (E Sitts) J Jenkins 6-11-4	J Francome
12	1u2040	RHEINGOLD'S GIFT (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 7-10-13	R Dunwoody
13	0000	ANSWER TO PRAYER (BF) (Mrs B Curley) D Thom 6-10-12	Mr D Murphy 4
14	10f0p0	ALUMINUS (B) (Mrs J Hoad) R Hoad 7-10-12	M Hoad 7
15	0061-04	HAYWIRE (B) (CD) (M Keegan) M Keegan 11-10-12	J Akehurst
18	000-000	LINTON GLEN (N Greenwood) R Parker 6-10-11	E Murphy 7
19	0220-0	CIDER WITH KATHY (Mrs H Collins) C Widman 5-10-10	W Knox 7
20	p-0p02	CERVANTE SOVEREIGN (D Hunt) J Roberts 6-10-10	R Millman
22	2-0433	JIMMY BOY (P Houlihan) H Beasley 6-10-8	R Goldstein
23	p10p-f0	HENRY FORD (Mrs J Ford) G Gracey 9-10-8	Lorna Vincent
24	00f2pp	KERRY'S COURT (A Taylor) A Moore 4-10-8	G Moore
25	0000/	QUAKER LAD (Mrs J Walter) B Wise 9-10-6	R Rowell
26	/f0-p0f	HARLOW MILL (C Barnes) M Pipe 8-10-6	P Leach
27	42-0f30	SEVERN SOUND (J Bradley) J Bradley 7-10-6	G Davies
28	2000-00	MENTON (C Read) C Read 5-10-5	T Gibson 7
30	00000-0	DEVON MINNOW (E Beever) E Beever 8-10-5	P Guest 7
33	ppp000-	WELSH VALLEY (R Palmer) C Holmes 9-10-3	A Webb
34	0000/0p	VULCAN'S HONOR (P Price) O O'Neill 7-10-2	-

0-2 Dendaules, 6 Harlow Mill, 7 Bal George, The Governor, 8 Answer To Prayer, 10 Severn Sound, 12 Jimmy Boy, Haywire, 14 Rheingold's Gift, Carvante Sovereign, Allado, 16 others.

FORM: CANDAULES, unseated at Lingfield on Saturday, previously (11-6) 11 3rd to No Fluke (11-7) at Hereford THE GOVERNOR, (10-10) 5½ Doncaster 3rd to Bishop's Royal (10-0) (2m hdle, £1394, firm, Mar 9, 17 ran). CIDER WITH KATHY, (10-12) 19½ 5th to Unbed (10-7) at Stratford on seasonal reappearance (2m hdle, £780, soft, Mar 7, 18 ran). Last year (10-2) 10l Newton Abbot runner-up to Aquatic Prince (10-7) (2m hdle, £496, heavy, Feb 3, 12 ran). CERVANTE SOVEREIGN, (11-0) 7l 2nd to Winterreise (11-5) at Hereford (2m hdle, £1428, soft, Mar 2, 14 ran). JIMMY BOY, (11-3) 8½ 3rd to Implication (11-8) at Lingfield (2m, Jan 3, previously (15-10) 15l 3rd to Japslik (11-7) at Folkestone. HAYWIRE, (11-2) 15l away 4th (2m hdle, £629, heavy, Dec 18, 13 ran).

SELECTION: CIDER WITH KATHY.

2.30 'CERTAIN JUSTICE' CHALLENGE CUP (handicap chase: £2,523: 2m 2f 110yd) (14)

1	r0-1fu3	BENNY'S BOY (CD) (A Nolan) A Moore 12-12-4	G Moore
2	1/	L'AUBERDIEJE (B Clark) C Holmes 5-11-13	Peter Hobbs
3	33-3428	RO'S OWEN (B) (Mrs J Cotton) T Forster 10-11-11	R Dunwoody
4	24f147	FIRS DRILL (P Foreman) K Bishop 10-11-7 (5ex)	A Jones 4
6	p11-122	MOON DREAMER (BF) (Mrs B Hammond) J Gifford 9-11-1	R Rowe
7	0-21p22	RUN TO ME (CD) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 10-10-13	B Powell
8	pu2040	FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS (CD) (M Sanderson) Miss A Sinclair 10-10-12	C Brown
9	230134	MASTER NIBBLE (CD) (C Holmes) C Holmes 10-10-10	A Webb
10	p02314	GRIMA (M Prudham) T Dudgeon 8-10-9	M Richards
11	pf14302	GRAIGUENAMANAGH (CD) (J Hughes) Miss L Bower 10-10-8	R Rowell
12	2-03302	BUCK AND WING (CD) (Capt A Pratt) D Grissell 10-10-5	M Perrett
14	0034-4f	TOWER MOSS (A Neaves) A Neaves 12-10-1	-
15	00041-r	ASPEN FLARE (P Pollock) R Howe 9-10-0	M Furlong
17	133000	DOWNPAYMENT (CD) (Mrs S Crowe) M Eotton 11-10-0	R Goldstein

4 Fire Drill, 9-2 Benny's Boy, 6 Grima, Ro's Owen, 7 Moon Dreamer, 8 Buck And Wing, Master Nibble, 9 Run To Me, 12 Graiguenamanagh, 16 others.

FORM: BENNY'S BOY, (11-2) jumped badly when 26l 3rd to Classified (12-1) at Newbury (2m 4f ch, £2,603, heavy, Nov 23, 5 ran) FIRE DRILL, (10-12) beaten 7¼l by John's Present (10-6) at Newton Abbot but awarded the race (2m ch, £2,307, soft, Mar 13, 9 ran). RUN TO ME, (10-0) 2½l runner-up to Beau Ranger (10-1) at Wincanton (2m 5f, ch £3,512, good, Nov 15, 9 ran) GRIMA, (11-8) 5l 4th to Lecuan (10-2) at Leicester (2m ch, £1,061, good to soft, Feb 25, 16 ran). GRAIGUENAMANAGH, (10-0) distant 5th to Solid Rock (10-6) at Lingfield on Saturday (3m), earlier (10-0 a 2l course and distant winner from RO'S OWEN (11-5), MASTER NIBBLE (10-5) 11l away 4th (£2,343, soft, Feb 4, 7 ran). BUCK AND WING, (11-0) 7½l 2nd to Chelsea Island (10-11) at Sandown (2m ch, £2,100, good, Mar 9, 6 ran).

Selection: GRIMA.

3.0 SLINDON SCHOLARS LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,449: 3m 2f) (22)

1	pp1220	INDIANA DARE (B) (C) (Mrs D Cousins) J Jenkins 9-12-0	J Francome
2	14-0000	ANEX (D Tyler) Mrs N Smith 8-12-0	N Fearn 7
4	220121	MENDALEAK (W Price) W Price 8-11-7 (10ex)	M Perrett
5	030201	AMRULLAH (T Thorn) J Bridger 5-11-3	R Goldstein
6	120p00	ROUGH COURSE (K Catchpole) Miss L Bower 7-11-3	M Kinane
7	4-422p4	OREGON TRAIL (BF) (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 5-11-0	R Chapman 4
9	120/p00	KOMATCH (S Harvey) M Pipe 5-10-8	P Leach
10	1431-0p	ROYALTY MISS (A Neaves) A Neaves 6-10-6	B Powell
11	00/p-p0	UNEQUAL HALVES (P Saunders) B Wise 8-10-4	R Rowell
12	000-010	ZIPARIS (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 7-10-3	-
13	0-10000	DRUMMOND STREET (F Hill) A Moore 6-10-0	G Moore
14	04004/4	TOYCO (Miss W Dadswell) B Wise 10-10-0	Alison West 7
15	30-0003	TO TO SLEEP (Mrs P Mullen) Mrs S Oliver 5-10-0	W Hayes 7
16	0p-0034	MAJOR TOM (Mrs J Pelly) Miss L Bower 7-10-0	R Arnott 4
19	p-0121p	UPHAM KELLY (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 6-10-0	M Richards
20	000303	LINTON (C) (Mrs A Riney) B Swanwick 11-10-0	C Brown
21	002/02	BROKEN FLIGHT (B) (L Wells) J Davies 8-10-0	A Jones 4
22	0030b/f	POLLY TOODLE (E Swinfield) R Hodges 13-10-0	S Earle 7
24	0330-04	PARADISE STRAITS (Miss J Lane) S Woodman 5-10-0	R Dunwoody
25	0-p0000	ON TRUST (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 8-10-0	J Akehurst
26	0003-20	FLAMTEX LAD (Texaplin Ltd) R Head 8-10-0	M Hoad 7
27	0300-04	SKISKELTER (Mrs T Semar) C Wildman 5-10-0	W Knox 7

5 Mendaleak, 6 Go To Sleep, 7 Oregon Trail, Indiana Dare, 8 Komatch, 10 Anex, Ziparis, 12 Drummond Street, 14 Upham Kelly, Paradise Straits, Broken Flight, 16 others.

FORM: MENDALEAK (10-0) best placed Path (10-6) 6l at Newbury, INDIANA DARE (10-7) and ANEX (10-12) out of first 9 (3m hdle, £2,596, soft, Mar 1, 18 ran). AMRULLAH fell at Lingfield on Saturday, earlier (10-0) 4l 2nd to Tugboat (10-8) at Plumpton. LINTON (10-3) out of first 9 (2m 4f hdle, £4,854, soft, Feb 25, 15 ran). Last time LINTON (10-7) a 4l 3rd to Russborough (10-13) at Folkestone, MAJOR TOM (10-7) 7l away 4th (2m 6f hdle, £1,379, heavy, Mar 5, 14 ran), OREGON TRAIL, (10-3) 5th 4th to Going Broke (10-10) at Windsor (2m 6f), earlier (10-13) 11l 2nd to Triple Jump (10-7) at Haydock (2m 4f hdle, £1,937, good, Dec 12, 14 ran).

Selection: OREGON TRAIL.

3.30 SLINDON COLLEGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,190: 3m 2f 110yd) (17)

2	31142-2	DARGAI (Major J Urquhart) R Armytage 9-11-7	A Webber
3	2/pu420	LAWN MEET (Mrs D Henderson) N Henderson 10-11-3	C Mann
4	0/f-b00	REVOLVER (C) (J Woodman) S Woodman 8-10-13	P Corrigan 7
6	044423	QUERRIN (B) (S Colohan) T Balgin 11-10-9	J Francome
7	20113u	TEN BEARS (BC) (BF) (Air Cdre C Kunkler) T M Jones 9-10-9	M Hammond
8	4pbp14	MONKTON RILL (CD) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 6-10-8	R Dunwoody
9	0-14b30	FIL DE FER (C) (F Barton) M Madgwick 7-10-7	A Madgwick 4
10	002u20	BRIT (T Jarvis) W G Turner 6-10-6	A Sharpe
11	33-0p0b	LUMPARITA (A Aylett) A Aylett 10-10-3	G Jones
12	3124p-4	ANOTHER CYGNET (B) (A McGrath) Mrs S Davenport 10-10-3	J Duggan 4
14	034p04	CHEADLE GREEN (Geo H Webber Ltd) T Hallett 8-10-2	L Bloomfield 4
15	044p30	ARMATRIST (N Wheeler) N Wheeler 6-10-0	Mr N Wheeler
16	143p02	GREY TAROUIN (J Bridger) N Wheeler 13-10-0	R Goldstein
17	32-233f	PLAYFIELDS (Andrew Baird) P Burgoyne 11-10-0	B Powell
18	0-f04u0	GOLD RACER (Miss J Cunningham) I Dudgeon 8-10-0	R Chapman 4
19	0p-023p	RUNWICK PROSPECT (B Edgeley) Miss L Bower 9-10-0	M Kinane
20	04/000u	CANFORD LAD (B) (A Reid) P Hayes 8-10-0	A Webb

7-2 Dargai, 4 Ten Bears, 5 Monkton Rill, 7 Querrin, 8 Fil De Fer, 10 Lawn Meet, Brit, 12 Another Cygnet, Revolver, 14 others.

FORM: DARGAI (11-0) 6l 2nd of 10 to Memberson (10-1) at Devon (3m 1f hcap ch, £1,472, soft, Nov 13) QUERRIN (10-0) 8½l 3rd of 19 to Broadheath (11-0) at Wincanton (2m 5f hcap ch £1,878, good to soft, Mar 7), earlier (10-8) 7l 2nd of 12 to Co Member (11-8) at Wincanton (3m 1f hcap ch, £1,592, good to soft, Feb 7), with ANOTHER CYGNET (10-5) 17l away 4th and LUMPARITA (10-5) brought down 6th. TEN BEARS, unseated at 2nd last time, earlier 1l 3rd of 15 to St William (10-12) at Newbury (2m ½ cap ch, £3,215, good to soft, Mar 1). MONKTON RILL (10-3) 6½l 4th of 18 to Greenore Pride (10-8) at Worcester (3m nov h'cap ch, £1,564, good to soft, Feb 27), earlier (10-7) beat Mr Dandy (10-12) 20l over course and distance (nov ch, £1,514, soft, Feb 4, 9 ran), in which BRIT (10-13) 3rd and every chance when unseated 19th and FIL DE FER (10-3) brought down 10th. GREY TARQUIN (10-12) 3l 2nd of 5 finishers to The Somac (12-7) at Plumpton (2m 4l selling h cap ch, £903, soft, Feb 26).

Selection: QUERRIN.

Fontwell selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Harlow Mill. 2.30 Run To Me. 3.0 Mendaleak. 3.30 Cheadle Green. 4.0 YOUNG NICHOLAS (nap). 4.30 Freddie B. Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 Anex.

4.0 OLD SLINDONIANS CHALLENGE CUP (novice hurdle: 4-y-o: £1,087: 2m 2f) (20)

1	01u121	RAINBOW LADY (D Davies) M Pipe 11-9	P Leach
3	1f1000	I WONDER WHEN (CD) (B) (Mrs M Bosgrove) R Hodges 11-8	S Earle 7
4	p10	HONEST HINT (P Cost) P Haynes 11-2	A Webb
5	032120	MEZIARA (G Chagaoury) A Ingham 11-2	R Arnott 4
9	04b1	YOUNG BUCKERS (CD) (D Nabki) M Haynes 11-2	NON-RUNNER
10	3000	BATU (Lady Harmsworth-Blunt) D Grissell 10-10	J Akehurst
12	00	BURNS LAD (B) (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 10-10	R Dunwoody
13	0000	COLDHARBOUR LAD (E Beever) E Beever 10-10	P Guest 7
14	4p3p40	COUNTRY CAP (R Townsend) W Kemp 10-10	S Shilston
18	00	JONEX (Miss V Wills) G Gracey 10-10	Lorna Vincent
20	40003	PARVENO (A Wade) B Wise 10-10	NON-RUNNER
21	0	POINT BLANK (M Baker) I Campbell 10-10	R Campbell
22	30	OUORATE (C Weedon) J Davies 10-10	A Jones 4
24	000	RUNNING BULL (N Foreman) M Masson 10-10	R Goldstein
25	0	SASSANOCO (A Sandeman) D Oughton 10-10	P Double
27	00303	SHOULD NEVER BE (P Byrne) J Jenkins 10-10	P Leavy
29		WINNING STAR (Mrs B Curley) D Thom 10-10	D Murphy 4
30	3	YOUNG NICHOLAS (R Jordan) N Henderson 10-10	S Smith Eccles
32	0	HOWENTFE (Mrs M Eaton) Mrs M Eaton 10-5	S Moore
34	40	PARAMOUNT (BF) (C Wildman) C Wildman 10-5	W Knox 7

Evens Young Nicholas, 3 Rainbow Lady, 6 Should Never Be, 8 Meziara, 10 I Wonder When, 12 Young Buckers, Honest Hint, 20 others.

FORM: RAINBOW LADY (11-0) beat Meadow Maid (11-0) at Market Rasen (2m Nov H, £1,422, good to soft, Mar 8, 17 ran). HONEST HINT, 7th of 22 to Music Wonder at Wincanton, earlier (10-10) beat Flaming Pearl (10-11) 3½l at Plumpton (2m H, £548, soft, Feb 26, 13 ran). Meziara (10-7) 34l 6th of 13 to Cats Eyes (11-11), over course and distance (£4,181, soft, Feb 4). YOUNG BUCKERS (10-9) all out when beating Heska Boy (10-9) 1l over course and distance (£548, soft, Dec 28, 15 ran), with COUNTRY CAP (10-9) 20l away 3rd and BURNS LAD (10-9) out of first nine. SHOULD NEVER BE (10-9) 6½l 3rd of 15 to very easy winner Dancing Guy (10-9) at Clonmel (2m mdn H, £968, heavy Feb 7). YOUNG NICHOLAS (11-3) hampered when 1¼l 3rd of 10 to Ace Of Spies (11-6) at Chepstow (2m, £1,948, soft, Mar 9).

Selection: YOUNG NICHOLAS

4.30 CHARLTON HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,215: 2m 4f) (13)

1	24fb0-1	FREDDIE BEE (D) (C Kemball) R Peacock 8-12-11	T Grantham 7
2	100/p-p	BEGGAR'S BUSH (Mrs L Baker) Mrs L Baker 7-12-4	N Wheeler 7
3	020240/	BLACKTHORN LAD (C Sporborg) C Sporborg 7-12-4	W Sporborg 4
4		CHEEKIE CHAPPIE (H Reynolds) H Reynolds 7-12-4	A Hill 7
5	04u0/42	FADA (B Broad) B Broad 8-12-4	C Pigrim 7
6	2rp0-03	HIGH CLASS AGENT (M Churches) M Churches 7-12-4	L Harvey 7
7		LONE STREAK (M Smallman) R Shepherd 8-12-4	M Smallman 7
8	020000/	MY JOHN CHARLOTT (J Bealing) J Bealing 8-12-4	-
10	p	WILLING'S MIDAS (Dr V Vaclavek) Dr V Vaclavek 8-12-4	M Bradstock 7
11		HOLNICOTE (R Williams) R Williams 8-11-13	MacEwan 7
12	21300p-	KELPIE (D Harding-Jones) D Harding-Jones 7-11-13	P Harding-Jones 7
13		TACKSBARRY (D Nash) D Nash 7-11-13	D Nash 7
14	0pp-	NORTH STREET (B Rendell) B Rendell 5-11-6	Miss M Sears 7

6-4 Freddie Bee, 7-2 Fada, 9-2 Cheekie Chappie, 6 High Class Agent, 7 Kelpie, 8 Lone Streak, 14 others.

FORM: FREDDIE DEE (11-9) made all when beating French Saint (11-9) 3l at Folkestone (2m 4f hunt ch, £894, soft, Mar 5, 14 ran), when BEGGAR'S BUSH (11-9) tailed off before pulled up. FADA (12-0) weakened two 10l 2nd of 4 finishers to Sidbury Hill (12-0) at Leicester (3m mdn hunt ch, £495, soft, Mar 4). HIGH CLASS AGENT (12-0) 3½l 3rd of 5 finishers to Tandy's Tonic (12-2) at Newton Abbot (2m 5f novices hunt ch, £757, soft, Feb 12).

SELECTION: FADA

NOTTINGHAM

GOING: Good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

1.45 CHARNWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £954: 2m) (25 runners)

4	00/	BALLYKINASH (P Bowlby) P Bowlby 9-11-1	-
5		BARNEY'S CHOICE (H Hackett) P Felgate 9-11-1	T Wolfey 7
6	00-0	BHARAT (H Blenkhorn) K Morgan 5-11-1	S Johnson
7	40p-	EDOZIEN (Mrs A Quinn) P Felgate 5-11-1	P Dever
11	00	GERAINT (Mrs E Treasure) J Edwards 5-11-1	P Barton
14	p00	INDIAN (B) (T Bayley) J Glover 5-11-1	D McKeown 7
15		KELDLANDS (P Ackerley) J Fitzgerald 5-11-1	M Dwyer
17	00	LAST ENEMY (T Smith) J Webber 5-11-1	G McCourt
18	04400	LISLARY LAD (V Raibin) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-1	S Morshead
22	242043	PRIVATE LABEL (F Lee) F Lee 5-11-1	S Holland
23		SPRING FOX (N Price) J Edwards 6-11-1	-
25	60	TIXALL BOY (H White) W Clay 6-11-1	S J O'Neill
29	p0	AUGUST FOLLY (C Hicks) R Hanlon 5-10-10	J Barlow
30	03-pp	BRIGHT HONEY (B Richmond) B Richmond 5-10-10	C Richmond
31	000	CELTIC BURN (B Hellyer) T Forster 5-10-10	H Davies
33	00	HOPEFUL DAUGHTER (Mrs C Clark) Mrs C Clark 6-10-10	C Pinlott
34	0003	NETHERDAR (R Micklethwait) W Wharton 5-10-10	P A Farrell 7
35	0430/00	SAME DATE (C Brotherton) C Miller 7-10-10	J Suthern
37	pp	SOME GRANGE (F Baxter) R Parkins 5-10-10	P Tuck
38		TAM'S LAST (J Grant-Ives) C Grant-Ives 6-10-10	M Jenkins 7
39		ASCENDROSS (S Bowring) S Bowring 4-10-7	D Shaw
40	0	BERNINI (D Smith) J King 4-10-7	P Scudamore
41	000	BREN GUNNER (T Major) H Fleming 4-10-7	M Pepper
42	p0	HOLY SPIRITUS (B) (Miss D Roberts) R Carter 4-10-7	M Brennan
43	420	ZIGGURAT (BF) (B) (M Rozenberg) G Thorner 4-10-7	J J O'Neill

1984: Crimson Knight 5-11-1 S Smith Eccles (20-1) S T Harris 24 ran.

3 Ziggurat, 7-2 Private Label, 4 Celtic Burn, 7 Kaldlands, 8 Bernini, 10 Lislary Lad, 12 Gerami, 14 others

2.15 WELLAND NOVICE CHASE (£1,240: 2m 6f) (9)

1	3p1	BISHOPS YARN (STRIE PLC) G Balding 6-11-8	B Reilly
2	p-R000	BARZINI (D Upsher) E Carter 5-11-1	P A Charlton
3	0-pp0f3	EXCLUDER (Mrs P Harris) P W Harris 6-11-1	R Stronge
5	13-ppf0	HURRY UP HENRY (Lady H St George) T Forster 6-11-1	H Davies
9	fp0	LITTLE SAXHAM (A Ruccoli) B Richmond 6-11-1	S Johnson
10	p0	MAXI MOMENT (P Stevens) N Stevens 6-11-1	Mr Mark Richards 7
11	fu	THE MIGHTY BOCO (P Hiatt) P Hiatt 6-11-1	-
12	204/30	THE ROYAL COMRIE (R Gibbons) J Webber 6-11

RUGBY UNION

England to act quickly to find tour replacement for Greenwood

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

While it would be *quite* premature to talk in terms of triple crowns and championships for England, much of the stress must have been removed from their international season by the narrow win over Scotland. They need worry no longer about the wooden spoon, *which now belongs* to unhappy Scotland, and can concentrate on consilidation.

In that respect, it is unfortunate that Richard Greenwood, who has established a better rapport with the players this season, is unable to join the tour to New Zealand in May. The national coach is changing jobs that month and the Rugby Football Union's coaching committee, which is chaired by John Burgess, himself a former England coach, are certain to discuss his tour replacement at their meeting on Friday.

Air Commodore Bob Weighill, the RFU secretary, said yesterday that the appointment of coach and manager for New Zealand would be made "within the next 10 days". Derek Morgan, chairman off selectors and team manager in South Africa last summer, is available for the post of manager, though there may be opposition to his appointment. If that proves to be the case, it will be immensely difficult for the current selectors, who will be obliged to choose a tour party which will be managed from outside their number.

Since a newcomer must go as coach – though Greenwood himself favours the principle of two men working in tandem, one for the forwards and one for the backs, a system which the Australians found useful in Britain – it would be as well to *decide quickly, so that the* appointee may be involved during the remainder of the championship.

Brian Ashton, the former Orrell scrum half and current England Colts coach, and Roger Uttley, an RFU senior coach, have both assisted Greenwood in preparing England this season. But the new coach seems more likely to come from among the divisional coaches, who include Martin Green, the England Under-23 coach.

Green has coached Moseley and the Midlands and is available, unlike *last season* when his teaching post at Warwick School prevented him from going on the Under-23 tour to Spain. David Robinson, the Northern Division coach, is not available but his counterparts in London and the South-West, Alan Black and Jack Rowell, are.

Rowell has the most impressive record, both with Gosforth and Bath. His stature is similar to that of Des Seabrook, the former Lancashire and Northern Division coach, who was deposed from both positions after his name was linked with the David Lord professional circus two years ago. Seabrook now coaches Sale and has done wonders of organization with a comparatively young side.

Though replies concerning player availability are still coming in, only Mantell (Nottingham) and Underwood (Leicester) are known to be unavailable. Among those ready to go is Colclough, the Wasps and former England lock. He retired from international rugby a year ago but says he has rediscovered his appetite for the game.

Old goes back to school

Alan Old, the Rugby Football Union's technical administrator (DTA) for the Northern Division, will be leaving his post in August to take up the deputy headmastership of a school in Morpeth (David Hands writes). Though he has not yet formally offered his resignation to the RFU, he accepted the new position last week.

Old, who will be 40 in September, is still playing rugby for Sheffield and was coach to Yorkshire before becoming the first northern DTA, at much the same time as the RFU appointed David Shaw and "Chalkie" White to the London and South-West divisions respectively.

Old, capped 16 times at stand-off half by England and a 1974 British Lion in South Africa, admits that he did not imagine how time-consuming the job of a DTA would be. He has found it stimulating working with people "who want to know, who are desperate to learn more", but, for a combination of business and domestic reasons, he feels it appropriate to accept the new post

He returns to teaching, leaving the possibility that Shaw, who was educated in Sheffield and did much of his playing and coaching in the north, might consider a sideways move from London.

TENNIS: MISS NAVRATILOVA EDGES AHEAD IN SERIES



Martina Navratilova with the Virginia Slims trophy at the Moody Coliseum

Navratilova aces give her control

DALLAS (Reuter). – Martina Navratilova used her serve-and-volley game to full advantage to beat Chris Lloyd 6-4, 6-4 in one of the finest matches the two have played against each other in recent years.

Miss Navratilova broke Miss Lloyd's service four times to win the championship match and $28,000 in 1hr 33min.

Miss Lloyd said the services were the margin of victory for Miss Navratilova. "That's what it came down to. She came up with aces. She served really well when she needed a point, and my serve let me down, *especially in the first set.*

"Once the rallies started, we were pretty evenly matched, but her serve was powerful and she came up with it when she needed it". Mrs Lloyd said.

"It's difficult when she serves so well", Mrs Lloyd said. "I have to take more chances than I would against anyone else. I make more winners, but I make more errors, too."

Miss Navratilova said: "I got up for the big points and concentrated well. When I had to, I hit the serve better and hit the volley better. It was a tight match throughout."

This was their third meeting of 1985. Miss Navratilova now leads *their lifetime series 33-31.*

Shriver defends

Pam Shriver, of the United States, currently ranked No. 9 in the world, will defend the Edgbaston Cup at Edgbaston Priory from June 10-16. Other early entries for this pre-Wimbledon grass court tournament include Gabriela Sabatini, aged 14, of Argentina, the reigning ITF world junior champion.

Crowd unmoved as McEnroe pulls out

From Rex Bellamy, Rotterdam

The second tournament of the European grand prix season had a promotional setback last Friday when John McEnroe withdrew. It seemed to be a setback, anyway. But 35,000 tickets had already been sold and the joke going the rounds yesterday was that only three people asked for their money back. Thus are reputations dented.

An hour and a quarter before the draw, a telephone call from his father announced that this was a week too soon for McEnroe to risk a troublesome wrist. A medical certificate of unimpeachable validity is on the way. Rotterdam has recently been prone to controversy. In 1983 Peter McNamara's career was ruined by a damaged knee and the Guillermo Vilas guarantee scandal erupted. Last year's final between Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors was abandoned because of a bomb scare.

If reduced to nothing more exciting than the tennis, we can look forward to a final between Anders Jarryd and Mats Wilander and dream of a quarter-final between two British players. John Lloyd and Stuart Bale. Lloyd plays Wilander tomorrow and Bale plays Guy Forget today. The first and third seeds in the qualifying competition. Marco Ostoja and Mark Edmondson, were beaten by Bale and somebody called Christophe Zipf.

Jarryd beat Wilander in the Brussels final on Sunday and, with Stefan Edberg, also won the doubles. For a change, Jarryd played in the deuce court. Jarryd has won five grand prix singles titles and every time he has won the doubles as well. He ranks sixth in the world and had *beaten every one above him except* Connors. Jarryd, though, has problems. He has yet to do himself justice in a grand slam singles championship and he must soon make a tricky decision about rackets.

Jarryd's contract with Donnay, the Belgian company, expires on May 31. It is said that because of his enhanced market value Jarryd's agents want about £180,000 to renew that contract for one year. Donnay are not convinced that Jarryd is worth that and Jarryd would be reluctant to change rackets when the deal is within sight. But for the daft things that happen in tennis, one would assume that compromise is inevitable.

Talking of daft things, this trip to Brussels and Rotterdam has been bizarre. The crossing from Gatwick was achieved in a slow, 30-seat aircraft that flew low and was powered by propellers. Yesterday morning at the station in Brussels old jokes became reality when would-be passengers on the 9.06 to Antwerp were confronted by signs *indicating that the train would* depart simultaneously from platforms 10 and 11, which raised interesting possibilities.

"That's Belgium," explained a Dutch colleague. With relief, we headed for the 9.19 to Rotterdam, which was scheduled to leave in one piece – and did. I have no news of the 9.06 to Antwerp.

YACHTING: Australia's second new 12-metre yacht designed specially for the America's Cup will enter the water this week. Named South Australia, the boat has been built in Perth, where the cup will next be contested in late 1986 and early 1987. Australia's other yacht, Kookaburra, has made a good early impression.

John Nicholls on an American in a British yacht

Jade's ring of confidence boosts a double ambition

"Win, lose or draw, whatever happens we're going to enjoy ourselves". Larry Wooddell, a voluble American business man, sounds as if he has been listening to too many football managers. One hardly ever draws in yachting, the scoring system sees to that, but the message is clear. "We believe we have the right boat and the right people, and are going all out, nothing spared, for a place in both teams."

A typical American sportsman, one might think, confident of himself and his ability. But this is no ordinary American, this is Larry Wooddell, talking of his new all-British boat, Jade, and his attempt to represent Britain in the Admiral's Cup and One Ton Cup. Both events are to be staged between July 13 and August 13 this year, the former in the Solent and the latter at Poole.

Why the British team, when both events are open to all nations and the Americans are known to be taking the Admiral's Cup more seriously than ever before? Because Wooddell is now thoroughly Anglicized, having lived here for six years and could not get to the American selection trials, even if he wanted to. He and his wife Debby have made their home in London and see themselves living, working and sailing in Britain for the forseeable future.

Frantic pace has rewards

Both of them work for the Credit Suisse First Boston Investment Bank, Larry as overall manager and Debby looking after Europe. It is *demanding work, requiring long* hours at desk and telephone, keeping in touch with contacts in different time scales round the world. Now in their middle thirties, the Wooddells reckon they will have to give up that particular form of banking soon, the pace is frantic and few of their contemporaries will last beyond 30.

The rewards for their hard work, however, seem commensurate with the skill and effort applied. Robert Humphreys, the Welsh designer of Jade, says that the cost to the new British contenders for the Admiral's Cup will average out at about £25,000. Like the Americans, the British are also mounting an impressive campaign, stung by poor international performances in recent seasons and particularly by their worst ever placing (eighth) in 1983 when Germany won the trophy.

An additional incentive this year is the One Ton Cup, held in Britain *for the first time since 1974 and* conveniently raced for by boats of the same size. Jade, a 40 footer, will be trying for selection for both events, as one of the three-boat team in the Admiral's Cup, sponsored by Mumm Champagne and as one of six individual entries in the One Ton Cup, sponsored by Jaguar Cars. Trials for each event will be held separately and together with preliminary tuning-up races, preparation for the contenders will be intense and better than ever before.

There can be no excuses for the Admiral's Cup team this time, assuming that the chosen boats are competitive and that there are no outrageous *swings of fortune* in the racing. Design is clearly going to be significant, it is amazing how different the assembled fleet will look, given that the various designers will be working to the same basic rules. There will be 15 new boats in the British trials, plus several of the best from the two previous seasons.

The Wooddells, and one mentions **them jointly, since Debby is as involved in the project as Larry, are now into their second Admiral's Cup-One Ton Cup campaign. Their previous boat, also designed by Humphreys and called Jade, was built for the 1983 series, but failed to gain selection for what proved to be a mediocre team. The trouble with all the British boats that year was that they seemed maddeningly inconsistent. Jade had her moments, winning the Britannia Cup in Cowes Week, finishing eighth in the Fastnet race, the first British boat (beating all three of the team boats) and winning one of the five races in the 1984 One Ton Cup.**

To a large extent her performance was related to her design. Humphreys's brief was to produce a conservative boat that was also elegant. This be undoubtedly achieved and the nickname applied *by her rivals – Jumbo (sail No 747)* – was wildly inappropriate. The name Jade came about by chance. Debby happened to be fingering her necklace at the time. They were discussing names.

Jade was painted green but, bowing to nautical superstition, the new boat is basically white with a jade band at the waterline. She will be much different from her predecessor. This time Humphreys has been commissioned to produce a winner, a radical boat that, with the Wooddells's help, will put him in the forefront of the world's designers.

First stage is nearly over

Humphreys has steadily built a reputation for being a dependable designer of fast, seaworthy and attractive boats, and has many impressive results to his credit without yet winning a big event. "The Wooddells are perfect owners", he says, "giving me clear instructions and then leaving me alone to get on with the job." The first stage of the job is now nearly complete. Jade has left the building yard of Adrian Thompson and Rob Feloy in Totnes and should be launched in a few days' time.

She will be the most British in **content of all the British contenders. The others will be combinations of foreign and British designers, builders, spar and sail makers. Her hull has been moulded from Kevlar and carbon fibre, the Bruce Banks sails will also include Kevlar, while the slim Proctor mast is believed to be the lightest in the fleet. Rodney Pattisson, of Olympic and 12 metre fame, has been engaged as principal helmsman, with the bulk of the crew having been retained from the previous Jade.**

Once they have settled down after the first few races they should knit into a formidable team. Larry acts as navigator, while Debby stays ashore and worries. She is the shore manager and nanny, looking after all the matters of detail that allow the crew to concentrate on simply sailing the boat.

But what about this American trying to get into the British team? The nationality clause in the Admiral's Cup rules states that half *the crew must be nationals* of the country they represent. Jade's crew easily qualifies on this score and, as a resident of mainland Britain, so does Larry, which is more than can be said for some owners, past and present.



Pattisson: in charge

TODAY'S FIXTURES

First division
Arsenal v Ipswich
Watford v Luton (7.45)
Second division
Barnsley v Grimsby
Birmingham v Manchester City
Third division
Hull City v Lincoln
Plymouth v Gillingham
Rotherham v Millwall
Walsall v Bolton
Fourth division
Aldershot v Rochdale (postponed)
Bury v Darlington
Northampton v Chester
Scunthorpe v Exeter
Torquay v Mansfield
Freight Rover Trophy
First round – second leg
Bristol Rovers (0) v Swansea (2) (7.45)
Second round
Brentford v Cambridge Utd (7.45)
Tranmere v Burnley
Scottish first division
Forfar v Brechin
Scottish second division
Dunfermline v E. Stirlingshire

GOLA LEAGUE: Enfield v Dartford; Runcorn v Frickley Athletic; Wealdstone v Yeovil.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay v Carshalton Athletic; Hayes v Tooting & Mitcham; Harrow v Bognor Regis; Leytonstone & Ilford v Harlow Town; Wokingham v Worthing; Wycombe Wanderers v Hitchin.
First division: Aveley v Boreham Wood; Hertford v Oxford City; Kingstonian v Woking; Leatherhead v Wembley; Staines v Farnborough; Tilbury v Maidenhead.
Second division: Barton Rovers v Harefield United; Berkhamsted v Haringey Borough; Epping v Letchworth; Kingsbury v Wolverton; Leyton/Wingate v Cheshunt; Saffron Waldon v Flackwell Heath; Stevenage v Finchley.
Second division, south: Chertsey v Eastbourne United; Dorking V Egham; Grays v Ramham; Horsham v Bracknell; Uxbridge v Camberley; Whyteleafe v Petersfield.
EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round: Wales v The Netherlands (at Rhyl).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Macclesfield v Burton Albion; Marine v South Liverpool; Stafford Rangers v Workuop.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington v Gloucester; Hastings v Corby; Witney Town v Trowbridge.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Bridgnorth v Dudley; First Green v Coventry Sporting; Merthyr Tydfil v Bromsgrove. Postponed: Oldbury v Moor Green. Southern division: Chatham v Canterbury City; Erith and Belvedere v Salisbury.
HERTS SENIOR CUP: Second round replay: Barnet v Bishop's Stortford.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round replay: Fisher Athletic v Clapton.
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Witham Town v Bowers United.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Collier Row v Redhill.
Sussex RUR CHARITY CUP: Final (Lancing): Portfield v Steyning Town.
KENTISH CUP: British Armed Forces v Belgium Armed Forces (Military Stadium, Aldershot).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry City v Barnsley (7.0); Manchester City v Bradford City (8.45); Sheffield Wednesday v Huddersfield Town (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Scunthorpe (7.0); Leeds United v Oldham Athletic (7.0); Middlesborough v Rotherham (7.0); Sunderland v Doncaster Rovers.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton and Hove Albion v Birmingham City (7.15); Crystal Palace v Fulham (2.0); Norwich City v Luton Town; Portsmouth v Ipswich Town (2.0); Queen's Park Rangers v Charlton Athletic (2.0); Southampton v Watford.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree v Tiptree; Yarmouth v Colchester; Lowestoft v Bury; Wisbech v Soham.
ESSEX THAMES-SIDE TROPHY: First round: Orient v East Thurrock.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCH: Northampton v Metropolitan Police (7.0).

HOCKEY
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services v Ladykillers (RAF Uxbridge, Hillingdon, 4.0).

OTHER SPORTS
BADMINTON: Yonex All-England Open Championships – Qualifying Events (Watford Leisure Centre).
BOWLS: English indoor championships (Hartlepool, 9.30am); British Women's indoor championships (Glasgow).
GOLF: ELGA Avia Foursomes (Berkshire GC).
SPEEDWAY: Challenge: Milton Keynes v Hackney (7.30).
TABLE TENNIS: Commonwealth championships (Isle of Man).
TENNIS: Tate and Lyle Women's tournament (Bramhall).
RACKETS: British Open doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

Bird chosen

Dickie Bird, the Test umpire, will officiate in the Rothmans Cup one-day international series between England, Pakistan, India and Australia in the United Arab Emirates, from March 22-29.

GOLF: OPEN CHAMPION BRIDGES TWO-YEAR GAP

Ballesteros in luck

From John Ballantine, New Orleans

Severiano Ballesteros found himself in a dilemma in the middle of the last fairway in the third and final round of the rain-shortened New Orleans classic, before going on to win by two strokes.

"The hole was playing extremely long and my approach was perfect for a two-iron", the Open champion said later. He grinned diffidently. "But I don't carry a two-iron. I have a one and a three. Instead of the two, I carry a four-wood. So I told my caddy, 'Let's hit a three a bit harder than usual and put it in the middle of the green and make four'. But I blocked it, hit it a bit to the right. It was in fluffy rough and I didn't hit a very good chip and missed the putt."

The one-over-par five pushed Ballesteros back to 11 under for 54 holes. It gave the experienced Texan, John Mahaffey, standing on the 18th tee, a great chance to tie on 205 and force the fourth playoff of the year.

All he needed to do was to record par on the hole. But Mahaffey drove into tree roots, tried to play out sideways and hit right across the fairway into more trees, and finally took the only six of the day there, to fall back to joint runner-up with Peter Jacobsen.

Ballesteros's victory on his first visit here was timely, only one week before the start of the spring classics. It was the Spaniard's first American title since the Westchester Classics in New York in June 1983, and it brought his career earnings here in *three seasons to $422,097 (more* than £400,000). Ken Brown finished joint 22nd to win $4,000 while Sandy Lyle and Peter Oosterhuis were joint 26th and took $2,722 each.

The last word came from Ballesteros. "I've lost many tournaments when I've been 100 per cent confident and I've won many titles when I've not been sure of myself. It's a very funny game."

LEADING FINAL SCORES: (US unless stated): 205: S Ballesteros (Sp) 68,69,68; 207: J Mahaffey, 63,73,71; P Jacobsen, 65,72,70; 208: A Sills, 66,69,73; M Lye, 67,72,69; 209: Kikuo Arai (J), 69,70,70; J Inman, 68,70,71; C Ross, 71,68,70; H Sutton, 70,71,68; L Wadkins, 67,72,70.

Fourth title sought

By Mitchell Platts

Belle Robertson, of Scotland, will attempt to win the Avia Women's Foursomes tournament for a fourth time when she starts the defence of the title in partnership with Mary McKenna at the Berkshire today.

Mrs Robertson and Miss McKenna succeeded 12 months ago when they edged out Laura Davies and Sarah Duhig by one shot.

England and Scotland have been given places in the £1 million Dunhill Cup at St Andrews from October 17 to 20 but Ireland and Wales will have to qualify for the final stages. Australia, Canada, Taipei, Japan, Spain and the United States will also automatically compete, with $300,000 (£272,727) going to the winning team.

Ireland and Wales will be challenged by Austria, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden and West Germany in the European zone qualifying round at Albarella Golf Club near Venice from April 12 to 14.

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Judicial and executive powers under Mental Health Act

Regina v Castro

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice Boreham

[Judgment delivered March 12]

The powers of the court and of the Home Secretary under the Mental Health Act 1983 were considered by the Lord Chief Justice when giving judgment dismissing an appeal by Jorge Enrique Castro, a Colombian aged 29, against a five-year sentence imposed at Chichester Crown Court (Judge Bolland) on a plea of guilty to fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on importation of cocaine. He had swallowed 150 packages totalling 510 grams of 75 per cent pure cocaine.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the appellant.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that, at the time when sentence was passed, there was no suggestion that the appellant was other than normal mentally. In prison he had attempted to pluck out his right eye and had lost its sight.

He was removed to intensive care and transferred to hospital by the Home Secretary using powers under section 47 of the 1983 Act. A restriction order was made under section 49.

Five months later the Home Secretary, acting under section 50 ordered his return to prison, not so much because he was cured but because of shortage of beds at the hospital.

From medical reports it was plain that he was suffering from mental illness.

Very seldom in such cases where mental illness was concerned would the court interfere with a prison sentence which was properly imposed in the light of the evidence available to the sentencing judge – *as had been the case under appeal.*

If mental illness supervened after imprisonment started, the Home Secretary had ample powers under section 47 to transfer to hospital.

Where evidence became available after sentence to show that mental illness was present in the offender before the offence was committed, it might be correct and desirable for the court to intervene and *make a* hospital order under section 37. An order under section 37 was greatly to the advantage of the appellant. Once the doctors said that he could go, go he did, not back to prison but to freedom.

If he was transferred to hospital under section 47, however, and became cured he went back to prison – as had happened in the present case.

The court's decision in the circumstances would depend at least to some extent on the degree of responsibility which the appellant had for the crime he committed.

Their Lordships had studied the numerous medical reports, balancing what the doctors on one side had said against what those on the other side had said, and had concluded that it was quite impossible to say that the appellant's mental illness so reduced his responsibility that treatment by way of section 37 would be appropriate.

The matter had to be looked at not only from his but also the public's point of view. The sentence should stand as originally imposed and if any further action needed to be taken it should be taken by the executive.

Solicitors: Miss Heather Vassie, Tooting.

Inadmissible statements are usable

Dhaliwal and Others v British Airways Board

Before Mr Justice Waite, Mr R. Lewis and Mr A. D. Scott

[Judgment delivered March 8]

Police statements which had been ruled inadmissible in crown court proceedings for theft could be relied on by employers as the basis of allegations of misconduct justifying dismissal in an unfair dismissal claim at an industrial tribunal.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing appeals by Mr S. Dhaliwal and three other baggage handlers at Heathrow Airport from a decision of a London industrial tribunal in September 1983 that they had not been unfairly dismissed by British Airways.

The employees had appealed on the ground that it was unreasonable for the employers to have based their charges in internal disciplinary proceedings upon incriminating statements taken by the police in circumstances which had led to the statements being ruled *inadmissible* in criminal proceedings and that the industrial tribunal ought to have held that the dismissals were unfair.

Mr James Mulcahy for the employees; Mr Peter Clark for the employers.

MR JUSTICE WAITE said that the employees were charged with conspiracy to steal from passengers' luggage. The only evidence against them consisted of statements made to the police.

The crown court judge ruled that the statements were inadmissible. In some respects he was unable to accept the words of the police officers as witnesses of truth, in other respects he was not convinced that the statements had been obtained fairly. The criminal charges were dropped.

The statements which had been ruled inadmissible were used by the employers at the disciplinary investigation prior to the employees' dismissals. The dismissed men had complained to the industrial tribunal that their dismissals were unfair.

The tribunal found that the question whether it was reasonable *for the employers to have relied on* the statements made to the police had to be considered in the particular circumstances of each employee's case.

The industrial tribunal's approach was correct. Parliament had based the statutory criteria of fairness upon reasonableness.

The tribunal were correct in refusing to be drawn into a sweeping condemnation out of hand of any particular category of evidence as being so inherently objectionable as to render it automatically inconsistent with fairness for an employer to place any reliance upon it at all.

The appeal tribunal considered the individual appeals separately and concluded that the industrial tribunal's decision that the employers had acted reasonably in dismissing the employees should be upheld.

Solicitors: Seifert Sedley Williams; Mr S. T. Chamberlain; Hounslow.

Mineworkers' union contempt cleared without an apology

Richard Reed (Transport) Ltd v National Union of Mineworkers (South Wales Area)
George M. Reed Ltd v Same

Before Mr Justice Scott

[Judgment delivered March 12]

Fines for contempt of court having been paid out of sequestrated trade union funds, Mr Justice Scott held that despite the absence of any apology the contempt had been cleared and, subject to the retention of costs and expenses, ordered the discharge of the writs of sequestration.

His Lordship, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on the application of the National Union of Mineworkers (South Wales Area) for the discharge of the writs issued against the union because of its failure to pay two fines of £25,000 in respect of its contempt of court in failing to comply with injunctions granted to the plaintiffs, Richard Reed (Transport) Ltd and George M. Reed Ltd, restraining the union from continuing to instruct or encourage its members to interfere with the free passage of the plaintiffs' vehicles and ordering the union to withdraw any such instructions or encouragement already given.

Mr Jeremy McMullen for the union; Mr Robert Francis for the plaintiffs; Mr Howard Page for the sequestrators.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that in the present application in the affidavits sworn by Mr Emlyn Williams, the union president, the court was "respectfully" urged to order "that the defendant union has purged its contempt". The affidavits did not offer any apology for the serious contempts found proved, *and did not give any assurances of* the union's intentions in the future to abide by the terms of the injunctions granted.

It was contended by Mr McMullen that payment of the fines should be regarded as purging the contempt; that if not purged by the payment, the duration of the sequestration had done so, and that continuance of the sequestration served no useful purpose. It was argued *that the sequestration* was merely a machinery for collection of the fines.

His Lordship was not, however, satisfied that the purpose in giving leave for sequestration was as limited as Mr McMullen contended; the purpose was consistent with the sequestration being additional punishment for the union's continued failure to recognize the authority of the court.

But the union had suffered fines of £50,000, and had been deprived of the use of £706,966 for over seven months. The function of the writs of sequestration had been served in securing compliance with the injunctions, no further breaches were complained of, the strike was over, and the occasion for further breaches had gone.

His Lordship was not troubled by the absence of a formal apology. The court's dignity did not depend upon or require an expressed public recantation, the sincerity of which, if offered, might in the circumstances be open to question.

It was of importance that the rule of law should prevail, and be seen to prevail, and that object had been achieved: the union by making the application had recognized the authority of the court.

His Lordship rejected suggestions that conditions should be imposed on the union, and he would therefore treat the contempt as cleared and would, subject to provision being made for the outstanding costs and expenses of the plaintiffs and of the sequestrators, order the discharge of the writs of sequestration. The parties *had agreed that £100,000 should be* retained by the sequestrators as security for those costs and expenses.

Solicitors: Brian Thompson & Partners; Cardiff; Sharpe Pritchard & Co. for Robert Clarkson, Malmesbury; Clifford-Turner.

No apportionment in contract

AB Marintrans v Comet Shipping Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Neill

[Judgment delivered March 8]

The apportionment of liability provided for by section 1(1) of the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945 did not apply to a claim in contract, even where the claim related to a breach of a contractual duty of care.

Lord Justice Neill, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment in the Commercial Court, allowing an appeal by AB Marintrans, charterers of the Shinjitsu Maru No 5, from the award of arbitrators who had awarded the owners of the ship, Comet Shipping Co Ltd, sums claimed under the charterparty or in damages.

Mr Iain Milligan for the charterers; Mr Jonathan Gilman for the owners.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that a provision in a charterparty that "the captain (although appointed by the owners) shall be under the orders and directions of the charterers as regards employment and agency; and charterers are to load, stow, trim and discharge the cargo at their own expense under the supervision and responsibility of the captain" made the owners *prima facie* liable for bad stowage, subject to their being able to escape liability *to the extent that they were able to* show that the charterers had by some intervention caused the *relevant loss or damage.*

On the facts of this case, the charterers were entitled to succeed in full, unless the provisions of the 1945 Act entitled the owners to claim an apportionment.

There was no binding authority as to whether the 1945 Act applied to claims in contract. His Lordship had been referred to *de Meza v Apple* ([1974] 1 Lloyd's Rep 508), *Quinn v Burch Brothers (Builders) Ltd* ([1966] 2 QB 370), *A. S. James Pty Ltd v S. B. Duncan* ([1970] VR 705), *Rowe v Turner Hopkins & Partners* ([1980] 2 NZLR 550), *Junior Books Ltd v Veitchi Co Ltd* ([1983] 1 AC 520) and *Basildon District Council v J. E. Lesser (Properties) Ltd* ([1984] 3 WLR 812).

It seemed a necessary inference from the terms of section 1 (1) that, since the Act was expressed to amend the law relating to contributory negligence, and since there had, before the passing of the Act, been no defence of contributory negligence, *eo nomine*, to an action in contract, it did not apply to claims in contract.

The opening words of section 1(1) were directed to tortious liabilities alone and were not apt to cover breaches of contractual duties of care, even if they were described as negligent breaches of contract.

The provisions in the provisos to section 1(1) and in section 1 (7), and *the definition of "court" in section 4* were not sufficiently strong indications to rebut his Lordship's *conclusion that, on its proper* construction, section 1 (1) did not apply to claims in contract.

The result was not so absurd and anomalous that some other construction must be sought. It might lead to unsatisfactory results in some cases and induce plaintiffs to sue in contract rather that tort in order to avoid the apportionment provisions. However, those were matters for Parliament.

Indeed, his Lordship could see great force in the contention that the same rule should apply to claims whether they were based in contract or tort where the act complained of involved the breach of a duty of care.

It followed that the 1945 Act did not apply in this case and that the charterers were entitled to succeed in full since the dominant and effective cause of the loss had been the negligence of the captain.

Solicitors: Constant & Constant, William A. Crump & Son.

Company liable through act of non-employee

Worthy v Gordon Plant (Services) Ltd

A limited company was criminally liable for the acts and omissions of the person who acted as its transport manager for the purposes of the Goods Vehicles Operators (Qualifications) Regulations (SI 1977 No 1462) whether he was directly employed by the company or acted for it under a contract for services.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Stuart-Smith) so held on March 7, allowing an appeal by the prosecutor by way of case stated against a decision of the Crewe Justices to dismiss 15 informations alleging that Gordon Plant (Services) Ltd had permitted various offences relating to drivers' hours to be committed. The justices had dismissed the informations on the basis that the person who had permitted the offences was not employed by the company but was self-employed and acted as its transport manager under a contract for services.

Relief for mortgagors in default

Bank of Scotland v Grimes

Whether a mortgagor had a repayment or an endowment mortgage and was in default, he was entitled, under section 8 of the Administration of Justice Act 1973, which modified section 36 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970, to seek relief from the court to delay the grant of a possession order of the mortgaged property to the mortgagee in order to allow him a reasonable time to repay any sums due.

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Arnold, President, and Lord Justice Griffiths) so held on March 7 in allowing an appeal from Judge Dyer at Swindon County Court, who had granted a possession order of the former matrimonial home to the bank, and remitted the matter to the registrar.

THE PRESIDENT said that by the agreement there was a provision to defer payment and section 8 of the Act modified section 36 of the 1970 Act to entitle the mortgagor to the relief sought.

LORD JUSTICE GRIFFITHS said that the words "to defer payment" were inserted into section 8 to cover endowment mortgages where there was no obligation to repay the capital until the end of the duration of the loan.

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...WHICH of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? St Luke 14, 28.

BIRTHS

BAYLISS – **BROWN.** On 7th March, to Henrietta (née James Ap John) and Philip, a daughter.

DALTON. – On 15 March, 1985 at The West London Hospital, to Jennie (nee Keane) and Andrew – a daughter (Abigail Mary).

DANIEL – On March 15th to Jane (nee Dobbs) and Simon, a son. (Mark Alexander John) – a brother for Helena.

D'AMBRUMENIL – On March 17th, 1985, to Sarah (née Croxford) and Peter – a son, a brother for Philip.

ELLESTON – on March 17th at Princess Margaret's Hospital, Swindon, Wiltshire, to Alexandra (nee Marquise) and Philip, a daughter, Laura Katherine Elizabeth.

HORLER-SMITH – To Aileen and Barney, on Dec 18, 1984, in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, a daughter, Brodie Frances.

HUTCHINGS. – On March 18th, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Emily (nee Kendra) and Tim – a daughter (Katherine Alice).

GRANT. – On March 15th, at Harrogate General Hospital, to Carol (nee Kilson) and Peter – a son, (George Peter Beaumont).

KENNEDY – on March 13, at Winchester to Jacqueline and James – a son, Charles Dill.

KIRBY-JOHNSON – on March 18, to Pamela and Derek, a daughter, Penelope.

LOMAS – On March 15th to Jane (nee Allen) and Tudor – a daughter, Alice Jemima.

LYLE. – *On March 14th at Guys* Hospital to Sarah (nee Carter) and Timothy a daughter Victoria Jane Priscilla.

NEEL. – On March 15th at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Philippa (née Dewey) and Stephen – a daughter (Jessica Anais).

PENRHYS-EVANS – On March 12th, to Lavinia and Nicholas–a son (Toby Fetherstun).

ROGERS. – *On March 12th at* The Warneford, Leamington Spa, to Judith (nee Phillipson) and Nick – a beautiful daughter (Heather Mary).

SAMBROOK. – On 15th March, at Cuckfield Hospital to Jennifer (nee Ramm) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Victoria Anne Rowena, a sister for Rebecca.

WATT – *On 15th March to Sandra and* Oliver a son, George Pentland, a brother for John.

GOLDEN WEDDING

LILLEY-FARMILOE. On march 19th, 1935 at St Georges Church, Hanover Square, London, James to Bettine, present address Cobdens Farm, Alford, Surrey.

DEATHS

AUGUST – On March 16th, 1985, at Bishops Stortford, after a long illness, *bravely borne*, Christopher, husband of Jean and father of Shaun, Kim and Ryan and grandfather.

BLACKETT. – *On March 16th, 1985,* Major Christopher William Stewart Blackett of Ardgland by Dunoon, late of Colquhalzie. Dear husband of Kitty and respected father of Olivia, Archie, Beachie and Cicely.

CAMA – *On March 13th,* in Bombay, Peter Cama, aged 61, beloved husband of Sue, fully fo Lesley Crockford and Peter – a son, a brother for Philip.

CLARKE – FATHER CHARLES, formerly Parish Priest, St Francis, *Montgescomb*, Brighton and Chapel at Marys House, Bishopsgate, peacefully on the 15th March 1985. Requiem Mass at St Marys, Preston Park, on Friday, 22nd March, 11 a.m. R.I.P.

COULTHURST. – On March 13, in her 96th year, Jessie Blossom (nee Henderson), OBE, FRCSH(hon), widow of John Coulthurst, of Cargrave. Funeral notice on Tuesday, March 19, at 12 noon, St Andrew's Church, Cargrave. Enquiries to Hurry Turner & Son (Cargrave Ltd), Church St, Cargrave, Kent. Tel: Cargrave 280/Skipton 2177.

DEAN. – Peacefully on 16th March. *Winifred May*, aged 88 years. Funeral service at Parish Church, Wood, Friday, 22nd March at 11 am. *Any enquiries to* Nethercotts, Potters Bar 52283.

DOUGHTY. – On Sunday, March 17th, 1985, *at the Western General* Hospital, Edinburgh, after an illness bravely borne, Robert, formerly of William Jardine and Sons Ltd, Director, beloved husband of Margaret Doughty, much loved father of Katrina and devoted grandad to Andrew and Michael. Funeral service will be at St Colm's Parish Church, Cathcart Place, Dalry, Edinburgh, on Thursday, March 21st, at 1 pm to which all friends are invited. Thereafter a private cremation. No flowers please but if desired donations may be made at the Church or sent to Cancer Research, Western General Hospital.

FREY. – On March 16th, 1985, suddenly in Melbourne, Nicholas, aged 30 years, youngest son of Charmian and Freddie Frey, brother of Martin and Caroline.

GIGGINS on March 18th peacefully, Reginald Charles (CBE), beloved father of Barbara, Rosemary, Anthony and Joanna and much loved grandfather. Requiem mass, 10am, Monday 25th March. *Our Lady Of* Ransome, Eastbourne.

GRAHAM – At his home in Brandon Mews, Barbican, on March 8th, Dr. David Graham, a much loved by many friends. For funeral arrangements please contact A. France and Son. 01 606 4901.

GRIFFITH – on March 14th at home, 5 Sandy Bank, Walkers Lane, Lambourn, Berkshire, Lt. Col. Sam Griffith OBE retired late the Welch Regiment, dearly loved by Barbara, and a very beloved father and grandfather. Funeral at St Michael and all Angels, Lambourn, on Friday 22nd March, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, with donations if wished, to the Welch Regiment Benevolent Fund RHQ, RRW, Maindy Barracks, Cardiff.

HADLEY – Derek Edward on March 16, dearly loved husband of Sue, father of Pippa and Claire; grandfather of Kate and Elizabeth. Service at 2.30pm, Friday, March 22 at Manchester Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research or R.N.L.I.

HART. – On March 16th, 1985 peacefully in Lewisham Hospital James D'Arcy. Genealogist. Beloved husband of the late Olive, a dear father and grandfather. Funeral private. No letters please.

HELLINGA – On March 16, peacefully *after a long illness*, Wytze Hellinga, aged 76, professor emeritus of the University of Amsterdam, beloved *husband of Lotte, father of Gerben*, Anne, Tietske, Kees and Hommie. Cremation at St Marylebone, East Finchley, on *Wednesday*, 20th March at 2 pm.

JONES. – On March 10th, 1985, Dr *William*, aged 74, of Shotley Bridge, co Durham, formerly of Cork, Ireland and Trinity College, Dublin. Funeral took place March 15th.

KAUFMAN On March 14th, peacefully in Jerusalem, aged 78, Abrey Kaufman, A.R.I.B.A., recently retired after many years' devoted service to Architecture of Jerusalem Scheme. Deeply mourned by beloved wife and daughters, by brothers, sisters, relations, friends and colleagues. Prayers were held in Jerusalem and London. *May* his dear soul rest in peace.

KAYE. – On March 14th 1985, peacefully after a short illness, Elizabeth Jane, aged 94 years, of Deganwy. Service at Thanksgiving, Wednesday, March 20th, at 12.15pm, at All Saints Church, Deganwy, followed by private cremation. No flowers or letters by request, but donations would be appreciated towards the National Children's Home or The Dreamwood Gentle Womens Association and may be sent to c/o A. C. Lander & Son, Funeral Directors, 22 High Street, Conwy, Gwynedd, North Wales.

KEENE. – On March 13th, suddenly at home in Kew, Hilda Gladys in her 91st year, widow of Percy Henderson Keene, and dear mother of Marjorie and Ronald. Beloved grandmother of Janet, Susan and Penny. Funeral service at St Anne's Church, Kew Green, on Tuesday, March 26, at 2.15pm, and thereafter *interment* private.

DEATHS

LAPRAIK. – Suddenly on Friday, 15th March, at home, General John Neilson Lapraik, DSO, OBE, MC, TD, DL, First M. Beloved husband of Isobel and father of Fiona. Service, Chinerys Crematorium, Amersham, 1.30, Friday, 22nd March. Family flowers only, donations to the Chest Heart and Stroke Association. Memorial Service in London at a later date.

LARKEN. On March 15th 1985 suddenly at home, Francis Wyatt Rawson, Captain R.N. retired. Adored husband of Billy, much loved father of Jasper and Meriel, father-in-law of Caroline and grandfather of Melissa and Jonathan. Thanksgiving service at Rushall Church, Pewsey, Wilts. 12 noon Friday 22nd March 1985.

LESTER – On March 16th, peacefully in London, following a stroke, Margaret Brought, of Whitegates, Les Road, Alderburgh, Essex, beloved widow of Joe, greatly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral on Saturday, March 23rd, at 2.30 pm, at Aldeburgh Parish Church, followed by private cremation.

LLUBERA, JEANNE, on 18th March, 1985, wife of the late Professor Ignacio Gonzalez Llubera. Donations if desired to R.N.I.B.

MACMILLAN. – On March 16th, peacefully at Lillington Nursing Home, Leamington Spa, in his 87th year, his honour, James MacMillan, husband of the late Majorie (nee Trumble) and father of Katharine. Private cremation. Funeral family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Save The Children Fund.

MAY, JOAN MARGUERITE. On March 17th at Oxford, aged 91, Doctor, wife, mother, grandmother. Cremation private.

MERRY. On March 16th, 1985, Agnes Winifred, beloved mother of Ian and the late Loudon. Very dear grandma of Elizabeth. Service at Aldershot Crematorium, Thursday March 21st at 12.30 pm. Donations if wished to The Convent of St Lucy, Medstead, Hampshire.

OLDAKER, JOAN MARGUERITE, MRCS, LRCP. Life Governor Royal Free Hospital. See May.

PARKER, L. G. – On March 14th in Sydney, Dearly loved husband of Alsah, father of Robert, brother of Ivy. Formerly cellist BBC West of England/Concert Orchestras and ABC.

PICANDA – On March 13th at East Grinstead in his 88th year, Pierre Adrien Picarda Chevalier de La Legion d'Honneur Croix de Guerre, Avocat honoraire of the Paris bar, beloved husband of Winifred Laura (nee Kemp) dearly loved father of Anne, Guy, Hubert and Noel, and grandfather of Jan-Alexandre, Dominic, Catherine, Claudia and Alice. Private funeral at Arbonne, Sussex. Family Executrix, Picarda. Tel: 01 242 7711.

ROBERTSON – on March 12, John Douglas peacefully at home after a long illness. Dear husband of Priscilla and the late Kathleen. Father of Caroline, Georgina and Nicholas, loving grandfather. Stepfather of Angela, Christopher, John and Robin. Cremation private. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan Services, Cornwall c/o Midland Bank, Truro.

STAMBACH. – On March 13th, 1985, John Vivian, aged 56 years, of Wexfield Road, Bedford. Dearly loved son of the late Dorothy and Hans Stambach, mourned by his brother, his sister-in-law and his nieces and nephews. Enquiries to Garabut & Plumbe, Bedford. Tel: 54547.

TOWERS. – On March 13th, the Rev Leonard Thomas Towers aged 84 years of Lomas House, Worthing. A much loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Service at Shelley Road, United Reformed Church, Worthing, Wednesday, March 20th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the Council for World Mission, 11 Carteret Street, London SW1H 9DL.

WILLIAMS On Friday, March 15th, Thomas David Emlyn, Professor M.A. Oxon, aged 58 years, of 20 Carlton Rd., Oxford, England, adored husband of Patricia and loving father of Jacqueline, Dominic, Rosamund and Christopher and step-father of Patrick and Elizabeth. Suddenly in Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia, U.S.A. Time, date and place of memorial service in Oxford to be announced later.

WOOLLETT – On March 16th, Joyce, dearest wife of David and loving mother of Nicholas, Rosemary and Stephen and grandmother of Rachel, Lucy, Emily and Laura. Requiem Mass at St Laurences, Edenbridge, at 11am, Friday, 22nd March. Flowers, family and close friends, or donations to League of Friends, Edenbridge Hospital.

WRIGHT. – On March 16th, Philip Wright of Swallowcliffe, Wiltshire, *beloved husband of Petronella*, adored father of Gabrielle, Nigel and Peta, and very dear grandfather of Lucy, Tris, Columbine and Tamsin. Donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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INCH. – *A Service of Thanksgiving* for the life and work of Reginald F Inch will be held at St Martin's Church, Church Street, Epsom, on Wednesday, 27th April, at 2.30pm. All friends will be welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAX, MICKEY MOUSE and one of the three kings were sitting in a bar. "She should have married me", said Max. "Easier", said Mickey Mouse. "I'll ask them", said the third King.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Nick Ross Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.18; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.47 and 8.27; news with Debbie Rix at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20. Plus, this week's fashion news Alan Titchmarsh's gardening advice, a 'phone-in agony column and Glynn Christian with a recipe

9.20 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School (r) **10.50 Ceefax.**

12.30 News After Noon with Michael Cole and Frances Coverdale The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. **12.57** Regional news

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes five young people who are pulling a rickshaw from Wolverhampton to London in order to raise money for Bangladeshi children, another group of 20 financed by Derbyshire County Council, who are running through the Netherlands, East and West Germany Poland and finishing in Moscow as part of International Youth Year; music from The Lotus Eaters; keep fit with Leslie Kenton; flower arraging with Howard Franklin, and an interview with Mel Smith **1.45 Hokey Cokey.** *flower arranging with Howard Franklin, and an interview with Mel Smith* **1.45 Hokey Cokey.**

2.00 Blizzard's Wizard Woodwork. Richard Blizzard uses his carpentry skills to make a computer desk **2.25 Ceefax.**

3.00 Budget 85 Coverage of Nigel Lawson's second budget, introduced by David Dimbleby, with comment from David Basnett, Sir Patrick Meaney, Peter Oppenheimer and Philip Hardman Plus news of the City's reaction and Jenni Murray with the thoughts of smokers, drinkers and motorists

5.35 Dr Kildare. Part two of the drama about the decisions to be taken in respect of the use of a kidney machine that has been newly installed at the hospital (r)

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 EastEnders. Nick Cotton believes he can help unmarried mother, Mary Smith, to find a job while Angie is beginning to suspect her husband's infidelity (Ceefax)

7.30 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's guests are Michael Barrymore, Sandra Dickinson, Nicholas Parsons, Emily Bolton, Rolf Harris and Sue Cook.

8.00 The Day the Universe Changed. The first in a new series in which James Burke focuses on eight moments in history when a change in knowledge dramatically altered our understanding of ourselves and the world around us (Ceefax) (see Choice).

8.50 Points of View. Barry Took takes another dip into the BBC's postbag.

9.00 News with John Humphrys. Weather

9.25 The Budget. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, explains the measures he announced this afternoon.

9.35 Miami Vice. Crockett finds himself framed for receiving cash pay-offs when he goes to the aid of a woman friend who is having trouble with a loan shark

10.25 Film 85. Barry Norman comments on *A Passage to India*, *Morons from Outer Space* and *The River*.

10.55 Loose Ends. General knowledge quiz with a celebrity panel.

11.25 Taxi. Alex gets the gambling bug again after a successful run in Atlantic City but now seems heading for disaster.

11.50 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.22; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.20; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.40; cooking at 9.03. The guests are Donald Pleasance and Denis and Edna Healey

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines **9.30 For Schools:** the past, present and the future For the hearing impaired **9.47** Maths: the number nine **9.59** Safety in the home **10.17** The natural history of everyday things **10.37** German conversation. **11.02** Learning to read with Basil Brush **11.15** The work of a telephonist **11.32** Health education for the young. **11.49** Electricity

12.00 Cockleshell Bay. Seaside adventures of the Cockle twins (r) **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets (r) **12.30 The Sullivans.**

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin Weather **1.20 Thames news** from Robin Houston **1.30 Strangers.** Drama series about three CID officers, ready for duty in any part of the country (r)

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy and guests Antonia Fraser Roy Marsden and Dr Ray Williams discuss the fascination of whodunits

3.00 Budget 85 Alastair Burnet, Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart present coverage of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's speech to Parliament. The studio guests are Norman Willis and James Prior with further expert comment from two former chief secretaries to the Treasury Lord Gardyne and Lord Barnett Plus City comment and from shoppers at Wandsworth's Arndale Shopping Centre

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.30 Crossroads. Iris Scott puts her trust in Pete Maguire.

6.55 Reporting London presented by Michael Barratt. Michael Wilson reports from a youth custody centre in Buckinghamshire where drug taking is rife and the police officers say they can do nothing about the abuse. On the eve of National No Smoking Day Graham Addicott reports on the campaign by the anti-smoking lobby and reports from Glasgow, which it is hoped, will be a no smoking zone by the end of the century.

7.30 Busman's Holiday. Quiz game between three teams, presented by Julian Pettifer (Oracle).

8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. Comedy series about a fly South Londoner (r).

8.30 Chance in a Million. Situation comedy series starring Simon Callow as the accident-prone Tom Chance and Brenda Blethyn his long suffering girlfriend, Alison Little. (First shown on C4).

9.00 Television. Part six of the 13-programme series on the history of television deals with the soap operas and drama serials that have become multi-million dollar properties (Oracle) (see Choice).

10.00 News at Ten and weather.

10.30 Budget 85. Nigel Lawson explains the measures he announced in the Commons this afternoon.

10.40 Cockney Snooker Classic. London's top club players compete to become the first Cockney Snooker Classic champion. Introduced by Steve Rider with commentary by Steve Davis and John Pulman.

12.15 Night Thoughts.



James Burke: The Way We Are (BBC 1, 8.00 pm)

● If it is true that we are what we know, as James Burke repeatedly assures us it is in **THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED** (BBC 1, 8.00pm), it must follow that if we are not sure what we are supposed to know at the end of programme one, we have something of an identity crisis on our hands. The Greeks must have a word for it because, according to Mr Burke, we owe it to them for being what we are, and what we know. But, with respect to the Greeks and to Mr Burke, their dynamic proselytizer, the mere mortal (i.e. the average viewer), needs time to get his bearings when being tossed about in a sea of facts, questions and answers. I staggered away from the preview of programme one feeling that I had been shipwrecked. I think, however, I can see what is in Mr Burke's mind: make programme one a dazzling kaleidoscope of the series' main themes, and then stop twisting the wonderful tube and start examining the colours and patterns in detail during programmes two to ten. If I am right about this, Mr Burke's history of Western knowledge is not really going to be intimidating.

● **THE STORY MACHINE** (ITV, 9.00pm), sixth film in Granada Television's documentary series *Television*, opens with a consumer test: an audience registering "dull, normal, very good" on their dials as they watch the latest soap-opera. *Television* itself still gets a "very good" rating from me. Tonight's instalment may not say much about soap-operas themselves, but it speaks volumes about the mentality of those who are prepared to waste precious hours watching Japanese samurai films in which villains are bloodily despatched by jabbing spikes through the back of their necks, or *Dallas*'s glossy variations on the oil/money/sex theme. Not that the soap-opera does not also have its roll of honour. *M*A*S*H* is on it, and *Hill Street Blues*, and of course, *Coronation Street*. I have been watching Granada's new, three-hour video cassette of some early episodes of *Coronation Street* (including episode one, the gas leak emergency, and Annie Walker's This is Your Life) and, as always, am filled with admiration for the actors and writers who, in recording the brief chronicles of our time for 25 years, have recreated our world in microcosm. Small wonder the cassette is called *The Magic of Coronation Street*.

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Geology – Mapping the Yorkshire Dales. **6.55** Social Sciences: What Price the Workers? Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**

9.26 Daytime on Two: Maths: choosing the better price. **9.48** Maths, relating measures of volume and capacity **10.10** Part nine of Fair Ground! **10.35** How Britain's motor industry is meeting the challenge of overseas companies **11.00** Different tastes **11.17** How to end a story **11.40** How universities help first year students

12.00 The Year of the French programme on country priest, Abbe Louis Mahaus. **12.30** Part nine of the series on contemporary Japan **1.00** Maths: trigonometry **1.15** Science: metals and plastics. **1.38** Small carnivores **2.00** For the very young **2.15** Britain's state education since 1870

2.35 Ceefax.

3.50 Play School, presented by Chloe Ashcroft with guest Iain Lauchlan. **4.10 Dastardly and Muttley** (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Rosemary Leach with part two of Uninvited Ghosts, by Penelope Lively **4.30 Laurel and Hardy** (r) **4.35 Think Again.** Johnny Ball with a lighthearted look at the facts about money (r)

5.00 Newsround. 5.05 Who, Sir? Me, Sir? Part two of the serial about a teacher's struggle with his class of non-achievers (Ceefax).

5.30 News summary with subtitles. Weather

5.35 Charlie Brown. Cartoon (r).

6.00 The High Chaparral. John Cannon and Billy Blue are ambushed by Apaches and left to die in the desert (r).

6.50 Off the Record. Steve Blacknell talks to Ade Edmondson about his record collection.

7.00 Whistle Test. Live music from The Damned and Microdisney; plus Andy Kershaw at the Institute of Contemporary Arts and Simon Bates with the chart rundown.

8.00 Top Gear. William Woollard reports from the Brands Hatch Racing School.

8.30 Entertainment USA 2. Jonathan King in San Diego.

9.00 Inside Out. The last episode of the series and Beverly is in Birmingham to collect a kidnapped child (Ceefax).

9.50 Pot Black 85. A quarterfinal match between Terry Griffiths and Dennis Taylor.

10.15 In Darkness Visible. A dramatised biography of photographer Margaret Watkins. (First shown on BBC Scotland). (Ceefax).

10.45 The Budget. Nigel Lawson explains the measures he announced this afternoon.

10.55 Newsnight. 11.55 Weather.

12.00 Animation Now. Jonathan Hodgson's award-winning short, Night Club.

12.10 Open University: The Effective Manager: Meetings. **12.35** Physics Energy to Go Round. Ends at **1.00.**

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The Human Jungle: Skeleton in the Cupboard." This week, distinguished psychologist, Dr Roger Corder, has to establish the state of mind of a financier at the time he made a will disinheriting his daughter.

3.25 Film: Three Dumb Clucks". (1943) starring the Three Stooges as sons trying to stop their father from leaving their mother in order to marry a blonde gold-digger. Directed by Del Lord.

3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. This week, Eve Gardner has advice on applying face make-up for those with the use of only one hand, award winning set designer, Richard Henry talks to Johnny Morris about his career, and the Access film slot is filled by Elza Lloyd in which she illustrates the fascination of her unusual hobby of finding out about gargoyles.

4.30 Countdown.

5.00 Bewitched. Endora organizes a spectacular Halloween party but Uncle Arthur turns up to spoil the fun.

5.30 Low Tech. The first of a new series of six programmes about furnishing the home inexpensively. Rick Ball begins by exploring sources of free or almost free materials – skips and markets – and then proceeds to construct a stylish sofa using doors, cardboard tubes and wine crates.

6.00 The Avengers". Steed returns from holiday to find Emma gone and a blonde in her place (postponed from last week).

7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons includes an analysis of the Chancellor's new measures announced this afternoon. Weather.

8.00 Brookside. Karen and Susie meet two boys at the disco and trick them into thinking that they are French

8.30 The Wine Programme. The first of a new series of seven programmes, presented by Jancis Robinson. Tonight's edition answers the question of how to taste wine.

9.00 Film: Ticket to Heaven. (1981) starring Nick Mancuso. Thriller about a young man who, after having a tiff with his girlfriend, is persuaded to leave his Canadian home town for San Francisco where he joins an obscure religious sect. Directed by Ralph L Thomas.

11.00 Eastern Eye includes an interview with Luxmi, the maid who was beaten-up by her Saudi Arabian princess employer and who is now on the run from the authorities because she is an illegal immigrant. There are reports from the British Indoor Hockey championship and on the Swann Committee findings on the educational attainments of children from ethnic minorities.

11.55 Dadarama: John O'Groats to Cape Wrath.

12.05 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave † also VHF stereo

5.55 shipping. **6.00** News briefing; Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer

6.30 Today, incl. **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.20** Letters. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **8.57** Weather: Travel.

9.00 News

9.05 Tuesday Call 01-580 4411 – 'Spring Cleaning. Taking the questions are Daphne Metland and Tony Wilkins

10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent.

10.30 Morning Story: 'Saturday Daughters' by Peggy Lewis. Reader: Terry Molloy.

10.45 Daily Service (from the Chapel of Unity, Methodist College, Belfast).

11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-minute Theatre: ' The Saddleworth Kid' by Rob Gittins. With Tony Robinson. Is there a connection between Sundance Kid and Alan's great-great uncle? (See Choice).†

11.33 Wildlife

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs, with Paul Heiney.

12.27 Brain of Britain 1985 (new series). First Round – London. †

1.00 The World at One; News.

1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes Frank Delaney on Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island, and the final instalment of Jennifer Johnston's book Shadows of Our Skin, read by Sam Dale.

3.00 Have You Ever Seen an Otter? With Eleanor Bron

3.15 PM Budget Special. Direct from the House of Commons, followed by comment from experts in the studio and Brian Curtois at Westminster, incl **4.00, 5.00** News. **5.50** Shipping, **5.55** Weather.

6.00 The Six O'clock News: PM Budget Special.

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 File on 4, with Roisin McAuley.

8.00 Medicine Now.

8.30 The State of The Vatican. Bernard Jackson assesses the power of the Church of Rome, not only within the Vatican itself, but internationally (3). Politics and Power.

9.00 In Touch. News and views for people with a visual handicap.

9.30 Treasure Islands. Novelist Joseph Hone tells the story of his recent travels in the Carribbean islands (5). Dominica: Snakes in Eden.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on Eastenders, the BBC TV soap opera, and the film Morons from Outer Space.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "The Rich Mrs Robinson" by Winifred Beechney Abridged in ten episodes (2). Reader: Pauline Letts **10.29** Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, incl **11.00** Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather

12.33 Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel. **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Time and Tune (19). **11.20** Time to Move (19). Springtime **11.40** Musicianship: Early Stages. **1.55-3.00** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner. **2.05** History: Long Ago. **2.25** Listen and Read. **2.40** Pictures in Your Mind (stories) **3.15-5.55** The Budget. **11.00** Study on 4; I Couldn't Talk – So I Cried. **11.30-12.00** Open University: **11.30** Open Forum: Students' Magazine **11.50** Music Interlude. **12.30-1.00am** Schools Night-time Broadcasting. Making Work. 3: Convincing Employers. 4: First Job.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Albeniz's Asturias (Suite espanola), orchestrated by Fruhbeck; Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 4, for left hand (Ashkenazy/LSO under Previn); Lanner's Neue Wiener Landler, Op 1 (Ensemble Bella Musica); Chausson's Poeme Op 25 (Kyung-Wha Chung, violin and the RPO under Dutoit).† **8.00** News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Beethoven's overture The Ruins of Athens (Berlin PO under Karajan); d'Indy's Tableaux de voyage (Philharmonic Orchestra of Loire under Dervaux); Lutoslawski's Concerto for Orchestra (Polish Radio National Orchestra, under the composer).† **9.00** News.

9.05 This Week's Composers: William Schuman and Virgil Thomson. New York PO under Bernstein play Schuman's Symphony No 5; and Acts 3 and 4 of Thomson's opera Four Saints in Three Acts, with Chorus and Orchestra of Our Time under Thome.†

10.00 Orchestral Music: Mozart's Notturno for four orchestra, K 286 (Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood); Vaughan Williams's Partita for double string orchestra (LPO under Boult).†

10.40 Dvorak: the Mass in D Op 86. BBC Singers, Jennifer Adams (soprano), Judith Bingham (contralto), David Roy (tenor), Jeremy White (bass) and Margaret Phillips (organ).†

11.25 Tamas Vasary: piano recital. Beethoven's Sonata in C Op 53 (Waldstein); and Chopin works including the Ballade No 1 in G minor Op 23; and the Polonaise in A flat, Op 53.†

12.20 Midday Concert: BBC Philharmonic (under Bryden Thomas). Part one. Walton's overture Portsmouth Point; and Schumann's Symphony No 4† **1.00** News.

1.05 Concert: part two. Britten's Four Sea Interludes (from Peter Grimes); and The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra.†

1.45 Guitar Encores: Vladimir Mikulka plays Dusek's Sonata in C (arranged by Mikulka) and Leopold Kozeluh's Pastorale.†

2.00 Schubert at Eighteen: with Ann Mackay (soprano) and Paul Hamburger (piano). As well as songs, we hear the Symphony No 3, the String Quartet in G minor D 173; and the Mass in G, D 167. On records.†

4.00 Coull String Quartet: Haydn's Quartet in E flat Op 33 No 2; Shostakovich's Quartet No 8.† **4.55** News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Andrew Kenner's selections of recorded music.†

6.30 Robert Whyte: Lamentations à 5. A recorded performance by the Clerkes of Oxenford.

7.00 The Shakuhachi: Japanese flute recital by Yoshikazu Iwamoto.

7.20 Elgar and Holst: BBC Philharmonic (under Downes), with BBC Northern Singers (ladies section). Elgar's overture In the South: Holst's suite The Planets.†

8.35 Heyday's. Third of six humorous programmes, based in a London wine bar. With Cyril Cusack (3) Idle Hands (r).

8.55 Alberni String Quartet: with Lawrence Glover (piano). Haydn's Quartet in B flat Op 50 No 1; Frank Spedding's Piano Quintet.†

9.35 Days that Are Gone: An anthology of extracts from four Japanese Noh plays and four plays by Samuel Beckett. Compiled by Lim Poh Sim. The readers: Maggie McCarthy, David Garth, William Hope, Helene Breck, Moir Leslie and Arnold Diamond.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. **5.35-6.00** Wales Today. **6.35-7.00** The Chris Stuart Cha Cha Chat Show **9.35-10.25** Miami Vice **10.55-11.25** Sporting Chance. **11.50-11.55** News and weather **Scotland:** 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland. **10.55-11.10** The Collectors. **11.10-11.25** Jean Redpath Sings. **11.50-11.55** News and weather. **Northern Ireland:** 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. **5.35-5.40** Today's Sport. **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster. **6.35-7.00** Dr Kildare. **10.55-11.25** Spotlight. **11.25-11.45** See Here! **11.45-11.50** News and weather. **England:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines. **10.55-11.25** East – Spectrum: Speaking Personally. Midlands – Midlands Tonight. North – Northern Lights. North-east – Coast to Coast: A Foot or Two Above the Rest. North-West – Ghosts and Legends. South – Southern Life: Blues II. South-west: Southern Life: Blues II. West – RPM.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Whose Baby? **1.20-1.30** News. **6.00** Channel Report. **6.30** Secrets of the Coast. **7.00-7.30** Who's the Boss? **10.40** Film: Kid Blue. **12.25am** Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News. **6.00** Lookaround. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **10.40** Film: Shaft in Africa (Richard Roundtree). **12.25am** News. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time. **1.20-1.30** News. **6.00** Crossroads. **6.25** News. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **10.40** Film: Puppet on a Chain. Thriller. **12.30am** Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Calendar **1.20-1.30** News. **6.00** Calendar **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm **10.40** Film: Bequest to the Nation (Peter Finch). **12.45am** Closedown.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News. **1.20-2.30** Country Practice. **6.00** Coast to Coast. **6.25** Police 5. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **10.40** Film: Sssnake (Dirk Benedict). **12.30am** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: starts **9.25-9.30** North East News. **1.20-1.30** North East News and Lookaround. **7.00** North East News. **6.02** Crossroads. **6.25** Northern Life. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **10.42** The Royal Film Performance 1985. **11.25** The Last Resort. **12.30am** Hard Words for Today **12.35** Closedown.

S4C Starts **1.00pm** Countdown. **1.30** Alice. **2.00** Hwnt Ar Yma. **2.20** Ffalabalam. **2.35** Am Gymru. **2.50** Interval. **3.20** Late, Late Show. **4.20** A Plus 4. **4.50** Ffalabalam. **5.05** Belidowcar. **5.35** Project UFO. **6.30** Larwm. **7.00** Newyddion Saith. **7.30** Cefn Gwlad. **8.00** Dragon Has Two Tongues. **8.30** Relative Strangers **9.00** Elinor Ac Erail. **9.45** Cosby Show. **10.15** City General. **10.45** Film: Below the Belt. Lives of women wrestlers in the US. **12.30pm** Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardens For All. **1.20-1.30** News. **6.00** About Anglia. **6.30** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Diff'rent Strokes. **10.40** Film: New Centurions (George C. Scott). **12.25am** Question of Lent. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Lunchtime. **6.00** Good Evening Ulster. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **10.40** Film: Love at First Bite (George Hamilton). **12.25am** News. Closedown.

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20-1.30** News. **6.00** Today South West. **6.30** Televiews. **6.40** Consumer Check. **7.00-7.30** Who's the Boss? **10.40** Kid Blue. **12.25am** Postscript. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time. **1.20-1.30** News. **6.00** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Diff'ent Strokes. **10.40** Royal Film Performance. **11.25** Late Call. **11.30** Magnum. **12.25am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time. **1.20-1.30** News. **7.00** North Tonight. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Keep It In The Family. **10.40** Film: Puppet on a Chain. **12.40** News. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports. **6.00** This Is Your Right. **6.05** Crossroads. **6.30** Granada Reports. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **10.40** Film: Love At First Bite (George Hamilton). Dracula gets his teeth into the Big Apple, New York. **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News. **6.00** News. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **10.40** Film: Cry Terror (James Mason). **12.25am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Calendar **1.20-1.30** News. **6.00** Calendar **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale Farm **10.40** Film: Bequest to the Nation (Peter Finch). **12.45am** Closedown.

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WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN

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Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour and at **4.30** and **5.30pm.** Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30** and **8.30. 4.00am** Colin Berry.† **6.00** Ray Moore.† **8.05** Ken Bruce.† **10.33** Gloria Hunniford. Possible developments in today's Budget are examined. **1.05pm** Sports Desk: David Jacobs.† **2.02** Sports Desk. **3.00** Budget Special with Jimmy Young and Dominick Harrod incl **3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.07.** Sports Desk. **6.10** John Dunn† incl **6.45** Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. **8.00** Hubert Gregg says I Call it Style. (Joe Venuti and Eddie Lang).† **9.00** BBC Radio Orchestra.† **9.55** Sports Desk. **10.00** Pop Score. David Hamilton and Mike Berry versus Duggie Brown and Helen Shapiro. **10.30** The Law Game. With Patrick Moore, Denise Coffey, Christopher Biggins, and Shaw Taylor **11.00** Brian Mathew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). **1.00am** Nightride.† **3.00-4.00** Night Owls.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo News on the half hour from **6.30am** until **9.30pm** and at **12** midnight.

6.00am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Read. **9.00** Simon Bates. **12.00pm** Mark Page incl **12.30** Newsbeat. **2.30** Steve Wright. **5.00** Bruno Brookes incl **5.30** Newsbeat. **7.30** Janice Long. **10.00-12.00am** John Peel.† **VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am** With Radio 2.† **10.00pm** With Radio 1. **12.00-4.00am** With Radio 2

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **7.30** Seven Wonders of the Modern World **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News. **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Sins of Old Age **8.30** The Elements of Music **8.00** World News. **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today. **9.30** Financial News **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** What's New **10.00** News Summary. **10.01** Discovery **10.30** The Arts. **11.00** World News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** Letter from London **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** A Bach Celebration **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News. **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording Of The Week. **2.00** Outlook. **2.45** In Spite of Ourselves **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show. **4.00** World News. **4.09** Commentary. **4.15** Omnibus. **4.45** The World Today. **5.00** World News. **5.09** Meridian. **5.40** Scotland This Week. **6.00** World News **6.15** Concert Hall. **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today. **10.25** Scotland This Week. **10.30** Financial News. **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Romantic Piano. **11.30** Meridian **12.00** World News. **12.09** News About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Omnibus. **1.00** News Summary. **1.01** Outlook. **1.30** Report On Religion. **1.45** Country Music Profile **2.00** World News. **2.09** Review of the British Press. **2.15** Romantic Piano. **2.30** Crevasse Jump **3.00** World News. **3.09** News About Britain. **3.15** The World Today. **3.30** Discovery. **4.00** Newsdesk. **4.30** Waveguide. **5.45** The World Today.

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Britons relive desert legend of Lawrence

By Colin Hughes

The first expedition to retrace the camel trials Lawrence of Arabia used in his Arab Revolt campaign in the First World War, ended yesterday, having claimed that many of the desert figther's tales are very tall, if not untrue.

Using Lawrance's own account in his classic work, *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, four soldiers of the Royal Green Jackets spent 29 days riding and walking camels 700 miles across the barren territory immortalized in the Lawrence legend. The expedition, led by Captain Charles Blackmore, was planned to commemorate the 50th anniversary, on May 19 this year, of Lawrance's death.

Captain James Bowden, the other officer on the trip, commented on his return: "Having seen the terrain, and having lived and ridden it just as he would have done, I am very doubious about some of Lawrence's claims. Some of his exploits were just imposible".

One ride, from Bayir to El-Jafr, which Lawrence claims to have made overnight in nine hours, took the team two and a half days to cover the same 60 miles of searing heat

At Tefila, where Lawrence wrote his own despatch of a battle against the Turks, and won a Distinguished Service Order for his part, the expedition concluded that he would not have been there. "Whichever way you looked at the land, from his own description he cannot have witnessed the battle," Captain Bowden, said.

The team, made up by Rifleman Mark West and Bandsman Christopher Selley, who was injured in the Regent's Park bombing four year ago, dressed, ate, and lived wholly in Bedouin style.

They arrived at Heathrow airport yesterday still attired in headdress and galabeyas, louse-ridden and unwashed for a month, having eked out sparse water supplies and chewed desert plants for salt. They fed only once a day on the Bedouin staple diet-arbood bread cooked over thorn fires, and slept in tents of woven black goat hair.

After hiring six camels and two Bedouin handlers at Wadi Rumm, in Jordan, they lost two mounts early on through lameness and dysentery, discovering with shock that the Bedouin cure for the latter disease is a red-hot cauterizing poker.

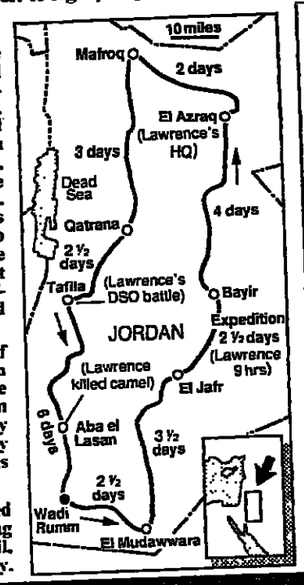


The party moving out of Wadi Rumm (top) at the start of the expedition commemorating T. E. Lawrence (left); and back in England (left to right) Capt Bowden, Capt Blackmore, Rifleman West, Bandsman Selley.

The party has returned determined, however, to see that the Lawrence legend remains untarnished by quibbles over historical accuracy. "Having seen the country, and lived through it ourselves, you cannot but admire the romance, the enigmatic charisma of the man," Captain Blackmore said. "My view of him, though, has certainly changed. He was no charlatan, as some of the historians have made out, but was a mythmaker who self-glorified by exagerrating and embellishing".

Aside from the discomfort of desert life, when the team occasionally risked exposure from bitter cold mountain winds and stayed warm by setting bushes on fire, they grew to admire the Bedouin as "nature's gentlemen".

Captain Blackmore lamented that few remain who are willing to endure the long camel trail, preferring the ease of the city.



Home loans rise might be avoided

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The Chancellor is expected to announce today that, even with higher borrowing in March, the PSBR will end the year under £10 billion. This is well over the original £7.2 billion target unveiled in the Budget a year ago, but far better than City forecasts of £11 billion circulating before yesterday's figures

In the money markets, the three-month interbank fate fell by half a point to 13⅞–13⅝ per cent.

Industrial production in Britain rose by 1.3 per cent in January, it was announced yesterday, largely because of record North Sea output. There was a 3 per cent increase in oil production during the month, while gas and electricity output rose because of the exceptionally cold weather, and coal output was up with the miners' gradual return to work.

Manufacturing output was, however, disappointing, falling by 0.4 per cent on the month. Bad weather may have hit production of building materials, while metals output dropped unexpectedly.

In the latest three months, industrial output was up by 1.6 per cent, but broadly unchanged on a year earlier. Manufacturing output was up by 0.3 per cent compared with the previous three months, and 2.3 per cent compared with a year earlier.

Kenneth Fleet, page 19

Letter from Washington

Yumpies wallow in conservative chic

Once upon a time it was chic to be radical. These days the term "conservative chic" is all the rage among the ambitious young men and women who are taking up jobs in Washington at the start of President Reagan's second term.

Members of the "conservative chic" generation are the most visible sign of the right-wing revolution taking place among American youth. In last year's election 65 per cent of the under-24 age group voted for Reagan. A generation ago the same young people would have been flower children or anti-Vietnam protesters. Today they are the "new entreprencurs" whose protests are directed against taxes rather than war, against subsidized student loans rather than the draft.

Beards and blue jeans are out in Reagan's Washington. So are guitars, and even marijuana. The new generation gets its kicks from scotch and soda. Even sex has lost its thrill. It's as commonplace as taking a daily dose of vitamins, as sensible as jogging. It's just part of the new consumerism.

The new conservative generation share many similar characteristics. Most of them are "yumpies", the young upwardly-mobile professionals who flocked to Senator Gary Hart's colours when he was seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination but who eventually swung behind a grandfatherly septuagenarian whose youthful optimism corresponded with their own vision of a prosperous future.

They have a highly developed sense of patriotism of the flag-waving variety that was so evident during last year's Olympic Games. They are fervent believers in the free enterprise system and share the President's desire to cut back Government spending in practically every sector from education to social security (defence being the only exception).

They are also intensely anti-Soviet. When Bob Dolan, president of Young Americans for Freedom, told a group of young conservatives that his hope for eventual victory over communism did not mean he favoured bombing Moscow, members of the audience shouted out "why not?"

Two common experiences have shaped their politics. First, they found themselves rebelling against the left-liberal ideology espoused by most of the teaching staff they encountered when they were at university.

Second, they inevitably found themselves comparing life in America under Reagan to what it was like under Carter.

"If anyone wants to see what the sixties were like they should drop in on a college faculty meeting," Ben Hart told a recent meeting of right-wing radicals at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think-tank.

At 25, Hart is one of the grand old men of the new conservative generation. He founded one of the first conservative college magazines when he was at Dartmouth, which has spawned dozens of imitations in campuses across the country, and wrote a book called *Poisoned Ivy* about his days as a young conservative at what was then still a predominantly liberal Ivy League university.

In Washington Hart runs a group known as the Third Generation which meets at the Heritage Foundation headquarters on Capitol Hill. What takes place there is a sort of conservative rap session at which participants express love of country and loathing for the "welfare state" society.

It was at one of these sessions that Dolan talked about patriotism, morality and freedom. "The use of force is not immoral when used in a just fashion", he declared without defining what he meant by "just". "A Russian's love of Mother Russia is not the same as an American's love of the United States."

However, the new rights love of freedom does not extend to a total commitment to free speech. When one questioner began asking awkward questions about Reagan's educational cutbacks, Hart ordered him to leave. Clearly it is not chic to question young conservatives too closely about their political beliefs.

Nicholas Ashford

Hardline Reagan slates Russians

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"The President is a realist. To meet the Soviet Union you do not have to share their views. We do not have to drop our criticism of Soviet practices."

● Bonn: Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, yesterday made known the Federal Republic's most-publicly expressed fears so far about the US Defence Initiative (Frank Johnson writes).

He did not mention SDI or "Star Wars" by name, but there was no doubt in Bonn what he was talking about when he said: "It is important that the unity of the alliance be fully guaranteed, that instability be avoided, and that the United States' bonds with Western Europe are built on trust, are close and confident, and should not be decoupled through technological innovation."

Herr Genscher made his remarks in a long article entitled "a new Chapter in the East-West German Foreign Office throughout the world.

● Washington – The State Department commenting on Sir Geoffrey Howe's controversial policy speech on SDI, said that the British Foreign Secretary's remarks should not be interpreted as implying a major division between the US and Britain (Mohsin Ali writes).

A spokesman said: "We have made clear that in order for defensive systems to be deployed they will have to be proven reliable, cost-effective, survivable and stabilizing. That's what the SDI research programme is designed to explore – whether these conditions can be met."

● LONDON: Sir Geoffrey Howe's speech has been generally welcomed by defence specialists in all parties at Westminster, in spite of indications that it has offended some members of the administration in Washington (Julian Haviland writes).

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs said yesterday that the Government had been wise to make its alarm public.

"Every single Western European Government is deeply unhappy about the whole 'star wars' development," Mr Healey said. "They picked up Mrs Thatcher's endorsement of research into space weapons, but not of their deployment, as the easiest way of avoiding a row at this stage.

"But the speed at which the American hawks are pushing this thing has changed the feelings of many European Governments."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen holds an Investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11.

The Princess of Wales attends a reception at Lancaster House, in connection with the London Fashion week, 6.45.

Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, attends a meeting of the National Olympic Committee, International Students House, Great Portland St, London, 1.55.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, visits the Shrewsbury branch of the Samaritans, Castle Court, 11.30; she then visits the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, 12.50; and later visits the Derwen Training College for the Disabled, 3.05.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Chalk Pits Museum, attends the reception ceremony of a Baldwin Steam Locomotive from India, New Zealand House, 12.

New exhibitions

Drawings and sculpture by Wendy Halstead: Collective Gallery, 52-54 High St, Edinburgh: Tues to Fri 12.30 to 5.30, Thurs 12.30 to 7 Sat 10.30 to 5 (ends March 30).

A closer look at wood: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen St, Exeter: Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends April 13).

Exhibitions in progress

Carpets for country houses: New Fellowship Hall, Whitwell, Hitchin, Herts: Mon to Sun 10 to 5 (ends March 24).

Paintings by Sonia Ratcliff (ends March 22); and watercolour paintings by Bridie Page (ends April 5): Gimnel Gallery, 16 Lloyds St, Manchester: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 1 to 4.

Cartoons by W. Heath Robinson (ends April 1); and the 19th century British landscape (ends May 26): Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Towneley Park, Burnley: Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5.

Music

Concert by the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble, Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, 7.30.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra: Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

Bach – Handel Festival: concert by the Cambridge Granta Singers and Chamber Orchestra: Little St Mary's Church, Cambridge, 8.

Concert by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: MacRobert Arts Centre, Stirling, 7.30.

Dolphins: a specially devised concert for Primary School children – Heritage Music in association with St Mary's School: Cheltenham Town Hall, 1.45.

Talks, lectures

Happiness is no laughing matter, by Dr Charles D Waterson: Lecture Theatre, Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, 8.

From cookery to cosmic eavesdropping, by Prof P A Watson: Lecture Theatre D4, Bradford University, 5.30.

What have children's cognitive abilities to do with their special educational needs? By Peter Farrell: The Findley Society, Room B44, Humanities II Building, Manchester University, 6.

General

Northern Writers Week: Children's hour with Eva Ibbotson, Denton Park Library, West Denton Way, Newcastle, 2 to 3: Crime and Fiction – talk and workshop with Peter Walker, Newcastle Central Library, 7.15; Postman Pat – story hour and activity session, Bedlington Library, Northumberland, 10 to 12; Poetry and short story competition, Queen's Head, Alnwick, Northumberland, 7.30; Writers' Workshop, Consett Branch Library, Victoria Road, Durham, 2 to 6; Instructions to Vampires – poetry reading with Jeni Couzyn and Anne Stevenson, Dundas Galleries, 18 Fisher Street, Carlisle, 7.30.

Anniversaries

Births: David Livingstone, Blantyre, Strathclyde, 1813; Sir Richard Burton, explorer and scholar, Torquay, 1821; Sergei Diaghilev, Novgorod, 1872.

Deaths: Arthur James Balfour, 1st Earl of Balfour, prime minister 1902-05, Woking, Surrey, 1930.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.545	1.565
Austria Sch	26.80	25.40
Belgium Fr	76.50	73.00
Canada $	1.575	1.495
Denmark Kr	13.85	13.00
Finland Mkk	7.53	7.53
France Fr	11.63	11.08
Germany DM	3.81	3.63
Greece Dr	164.00	153.00
Hong Kong $	8.95	8.35
Ireland Pt	1.23	1.17
Italy Lire	2400.00	2290.00
Japan Yen	296.00	282.00
Netherlands Gld	4.31	4.11
Norway Kr	10.90	10.40
Portugal Esc	206.00	196.00
South Africa Rd	2.60	2.30
Spain Pta	208.50	198.50
Sweden Kr	10.82	10.32
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.09
USA $	1.14	1.09
Yugoslavia Dnr	286.00	270.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 359.8.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 7.1 at 935.4.

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending March 10:

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Wed), Granada, 18.05m
2 Coronation Street (Mon), Granada, 17.90m
3 Crossroads (Tue), Central, 14.65m
4 Cover Her Face, Anglia, 14.20m
5 Wish You Were Here, Thames, 14.10m
6 Crossroads (Wed), Central, 14.05m
7 That's My Boy, Yorkshire, 13.85m
8 Dempsey and Makepeace, LWT, 13.40m
9 Quincy (Ex NE), ITV, 13.35m
10 Crossroads (Thu), Central, 13.30m

BBC 1
1 Last of The Summer Wine, 16.35m
2 The Two Ronnies, 16.10m
3 Miss Marple: A Pocketful of Rye (Thu), 15.70m
4 The Laughter Show, 14.70m
5 Q.E.D, 14.50m
6 Miss Marple: A Pocketful of Rye (Fri), 14.35m
6= That's Life, 14.35
8 One by One, 14.20m
9 Are You Being Served?, 14.10m
10 Eastenders (Tue), 13.90m

BBC 2
1 Blott On The Landscape, 8.85m
2 Screen Two: In The Secret State, 5.45m
3 The Bob Monkhouse Show, 5.25m
4 The Entertainers, 5.20m
5 San Demetrio, London, 5.10m
6 Just Another Day, 4.70m
7 Major Dundee, 4.60m
8 Gardeners' World, 4.20m
9 Blue Peter, 3.60m
10 Charlie Brown's all Stars, 3.60m

Channel 4
1 Brookside (Mon), 8.25m
2 Brookside (Tue), 5.50m
3 Treasure Hunt, 5.45m
4 Relative Strangers, 4.55m
5 Hill Street Blues, 4.00m
6 Fragile Earth, 3.60m
7 Countdown (Wed), 3.20m
8 Bewitched, 3.15m
9= Countdown (Thu), 3.15m
10 Countdown (Mon), 3.00m
10= Countdown (Fri), 3.00m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.8m (6.0m). TV-am: *Good Morning Britain*: Mon to Fri 2.4m (10.3m); Sat 2.4m, Sun 1.8m (Sat or Sun 6.8m). Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Budget statement.

Lords (2.30) NHS (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations. Administration of Justice Bill, report stage.

Bike ride

Registrations for the London to Brighton Bike Ride 1985, which takes place on June 30, are now open. The event is in aid of the British Heart Foundation and all riders taking part must be registered. Registrations are limited to a "first come, first served basis." Registration forms from: London to Brighton Bike Ride, PO Box 75, Bath, Avon, BA1 1BX (enclose s.a.e.); or in person from: The London Bicycle Company, 41/42 Floral St, Covent Garden, WC2.

Roads

The West: M4: Various lane closures in both directions and contraflow between junctions 18 (A46) and 19 (M32 Bath and Bristol) Avon. A4173: Stroud Rd in Gloucester, closed southbound; diversion; northbound traffic unaffected.

The North: M62: Contraflow on Seghill Bridge on A1 Tyne Tunnel northern approach road, Northumberlnd. A49: Temporary lights and diversion on Scotland Rd, Warrington.

Scotland: A9: Roadworks in the High St, Golspie, Sutherland, single line – traffic with temporary lights (24 hrs). A92: Single line traffic with lights on Dundee Rd, Forfar, between 9am and 4pm.

Information supplied by the AA.

Best wines

In a blind tasting of 39 Frascatis, the following six were chosen as excellent value for money: **Frascati Superiore, Valle Vermiglia**, Augustus Barnett (01-790 1860) £2.69; **Frascati Superiore Continental Wine and Food** (0484-38333) £2.55; **1983 Frascati Superiore Colli di Catone**, Alivini (01-251 4383) £2.40; **1983 Frascati Secco**, British Home Stores (01-262 3288) £2.29; **1983 Frascati Superiore Villa Rufinella**, Waitrose (0344 424680) £2.25; **1983 Frascati Superiore Tenuta del Principe Pallavicini**, Giordano (01-636 7274) £2.15. Source: *What Wine?* March 1985.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line (0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

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Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Courmayeur	160	385	fair	varied	good	fine	3
South Facing slopes icy							
Crans-Montana	40	150	good	powder	fair	snow	2
New snow on icy base							
Davos	55	190	powder	powder	good	snow	–4
Snow falling, excellent skiing							
Flaine	130	390	good	powder	good	snow	–9
Superb powder							
Gstaad	30	95	good	powder	good	snow	–1
Super skiing on and off piste							
Kitzbühel	20	105	bad	powder	poor	snow	–1
New snow on poor base							
Les Arcs	70	280	good	powder	good	snow	–6
Powder skiing, bad visibility							
Megève	50	190	good	powder	good	cloud	0
Heavy snowfall							
Verbier	40	190	good	powder	good	snow	–2
Heavy snow falls over the last 3 days							
Wengen	40	120	good	powder	good	snow	–4
Super powder everywhere							

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. Other snow reports page 29.

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will cover most E districts while a trough of low pressure in the SW will slip away SE.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, NW, central N England, Midlands, N Wales, Lake District: Mainly dry, sunny periods after the clearance of overnight fog patches; wind E moderate; max temp 8C (46F).

East Anglia, E, NE England: Sunny intervals, a few wintry showers; wind E light to moderate; max temp 6C (43F).

Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, a little rain or sleet at first; wind SE moderate; max temp 8C (48F).

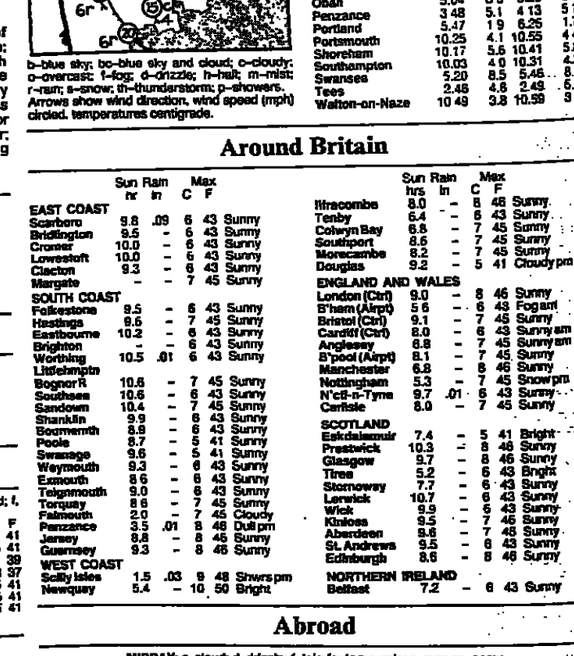
SW England, S Wales: A little rain, sleet or snow in W districts at first otherwise dry wrth sunny intervals; wind SE moderate or fresh; max temp 8C (46F).

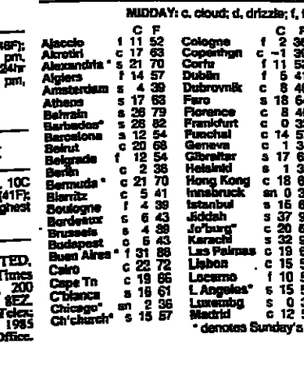
Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland: Dry, sunny periods; wind S moderate or fresh; max temp 6C (43F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Dry, rather cloudy, sunny intervals; wind S moderate or fresh; max temp 7C (45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Little change, cloud increasing in W districts during Thursday with rain, sleet or snow spreading in from the W later; generally rather cold or cold.

SEA PASSAGES: S, North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind E or NE light or moderate; fair; visibility good; sea slight. English Channel (E): Wind E or SE moderate occasionally fresh, mainly fair; visibility good; sea moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SE fresh or strong decreasing moderate, mainly fair; visibility good; sea rough decreasing moderate.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

Sun rises: 6.06 am Sun sets: 6.12 pm

Moon rises: 6.02 am Moon sets: 3.54 pm

New Moon: March 21.

Lighting-up time

London 6.42 pm to 5.34 am
Bristol 6.52 pm to 5.43 am
Edinburgh 6.54 pm to 5.45 am
Manchester 6.50 pm to 5.42 am
Penzance 7.03 pm to 5.55 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	5	41	Guernsey	f	5	41
Birmingham	c	3	37	Inverness	s	5	41
Blackpool	r	7	45	Jersey	f	4	39
Bristol	f	5	43	London	s	3	37
Cardiff	s	6	43	Manchester	f	5	41
Edinburgh	s	6	43	Newcastle	f	5	41
Glasgow	f	6	43	Ronaldsway	f	5	41

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, –1C (30F). Humidity: 6 pm, 42 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 9hr 8m, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,018.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Newquay, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Swanage, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Isles of Scilly, 0.03in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, 10.7hr.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.23	6.3	1.00	6.8
Aberdeen	12.19	3.7	12.18	3.8
Avonmouth	6.05	11.8	6.29	11.9
Beltast	9 57	3.2	10 21	3.0
Cardiff	5.50	11.0	6.14	11.0
Devonport	4.48	5.0	5.15	5.0
Dover	10 21	5 9	10.26	6.0
Falmouth	4.18	4.8	4.45	4.8
Glasgow	–	–	12.18	4.6
Harwich	10.55	3.7	11.10	3.7
Holyhead	9 22	5.1	9.50	5.0
Hull	5.26	6 4	5.26	6 8
Ilfracombe	4.58	8 4	5.20	8 3
Leith	1 35	5 0	1.49	5.1
Liverpool	10 14	8.7	10.40	8.6
Lowestoft	8.43	2.2	8.33	2.2
Margate	11.25	4.4	11.27	4.3
Milford Haven	5 12	6.4	5.34	6.3
Newquay	4 04	6.4	4.25	6.4
Oban	5.04	3 6	5.29	3 6
Penzance	3 48	5.1	4 13	5.1
Portland	5.47	1 9	6.26	1.7
Portsmouth	10.25	4.1	10.55	4 4
Shoreham	10.17	5.6	10.41	5.8
Southampton	10.03	4 0	10.31	4.2
Swansea	5.20	8.5	5.46	8.5
Tees	2.48	4.8	2.49	6.0
Walton-on-Naze	10 49	3.8	10.59	3.7

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	9.8	.09	6	43	Sunny
Bridlington	9.5	–	6	43	Sunny
Cromer	10.0	–	6	43	Sunny
Lowestoft	10.0	–	6	43	Sunny
Clacton	9.3	–	6	43	Sunny
Margate	–	–	7	45	Sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	8.5	–	6	43	Sunny
Hastings	9.6	–	7	45	Sunny
Eastbourne	10.2	–	6	43	Sunny
Brighton	–	–	6	43	Sunny
Worthing	10.5	.01	6	43	Sunny
Littlehmptn					
BognorR	10.6	–	7	45	Sunny
Southsea	10.6	–	6	43	Sunny
Sandown	10.4	–	7	45	Sunny
Shanklin	9.9	–	8	43	Sunny
Bournemth	8.8	–	6	43	Sunny
Poole	8.7	–	5	41	Sunny
Swanage	9.6	–	5	41	Sunny
Weymouth	9.3	–	6	43	Sunny
Exmouth	8 6	–	6	43	Sunny
Teignmouth	9.0	–	6	43	Sunny
Torquay	8 6	–	7	45	Sunny
Falmouth	2.0	–	7	45	Cloudy
Penzance	3.5	.01	8	46	Dull pm
Jersey	9.8	–	8	46	Sunny
Guernsey	9.3	–	8	46	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	1.5	.03	9	48	Shwrs pm
Newquay	5.4	–	10	50	Bright
Ilfracombe	8.0	–	8	46	Sunny
Tenby	6.4	–	6	43	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.8	–	7	45	Sunny
Southport	8.6	–	7	45	Sunny
Morecambe	9.2	–	7	45	Sunny
Douglas	9.2	–	5	41	Cloudy pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	9.0	–	8	46	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	5 6	–	6	43	Fog am
Bristol (Ctrl)	9.1	–	7	45	Sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	8.0	–	6	43	Sunny am
Anglesey	6.8	–	7	45	Sunny am
B'pool (Airpt)	8.1	–	7	45	Sunny
Manchester	6.8	–	8	46	Sunny
Nottingham	5.3	–	7	45	Snow pm
N'cstl-n-Tyne	9.7	.01	6	43	Sunny
Carlisle	8.0	–	7	45	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	7.4	–	5	41	Bright
Prestwick	10.3	–	8	46	Sunny
Glasgow	9.7	–	8	46	Sunny
Tiree	5.2	–	6	43	Bright
Stornoway	7.7	–	6	43	Sunny
Lerwick	10.7	–	6	43	Sunny
Wick	9.9	–	6	43	Sunny
Kinloss	9.5	–	7	45	Sunny
Aberdeen	9.6	–	7	45	Sunny
St. Andrews	9.5	–	6	43	Sunny
Edinburgh	8.6	–	8	46	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	7.2	–	6	43	Sunny

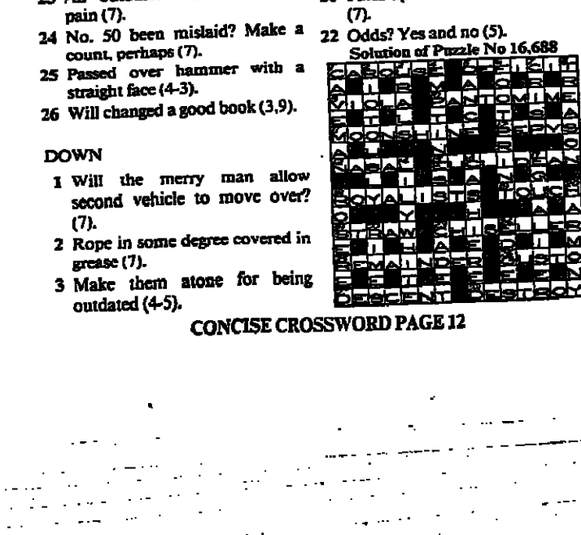
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	f	11	52	Cologne	f	2	36	Rome	f	6	43
Akrotiri	c	17	63	Copenhgn	c	–1	30	Salzburg	sn	0	32
Alexandria	s	21	70	Corfu	s	11	52	Sao Paulo	f	29	72
Algiers	f	14	57	Dublin	f	5	41	S Francisco	f	13	55
Amsterdam	s	4	39	Dubrovnik	c	8	46	Santiago	s	26	79
Athens	s	17	63	Faro	s	18	64	Seoul	f	12	54
Bahrain	s	26	79	Florence	c	8	46	Singapore	f	31	88
Barbados	s	28	82	Frankfurt	c	0	32	Stockholm	sn	–3	27
Barcelona	s	12	54	Funchal	c	14	57	St'bourg	sn	–1	30
Beirut	c	20	68	Geneva	c	1	34	Sydney	f	25	77
Belgrade	f	12	54	Gibraltar	s	17	63	Tangier	s	15	59
Berlin	c	2	36	Helsinki	s	1	34	Tel Aviv	f	25	77
Bermuda	c	21	70	Hong Kong	c	18	64	Tenerife	c	17	63
Biarritz	c	5	41	Innsbruck	sn	0	32	Tokyo	f	17	63
Boulogne	f	4	39	Istanbul	s	15	61	Toronto	–	5	23
Bordeaux	s	6	43	Jeddah	s	37	99	Tunis	c	12	54
Brussels	c	4	39	Jo'burg	s	5	41	Valencia	f	17	63
Budapest	c	6	43	Karachi	s	32	90	Vancouver	s	9	48
Buen Aires	f	31	88	Las Palmas	c	19	66	Venice	f	7	45
Cairo	c	22	72	Lisbon	c	15	59	Vienna	f	3	37
Cape Tn	c	19	66	Locarno	f	10	50	Warsaw	c	2	36
C'blanca	s	16	61	L.Angeles	s	15	59	Washington	s	12	54
Chicago	sn	2	36	Luxembg	s	0	32	Wellington	s	16	61
Ch'church	s	15	57	Madrid	c	12	54	Zurich	sn	–1	30

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

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ACROSS

1 Sage's close to another plant (8,4).
8 In anticipation of a profit, sublet numbers one and six (7).
9 It reminds me to put upon people (7).
11 I larked about in Ireland (7).
12 Sink obstruction releases minute quantity of liquid (7).
13 Music is well known (5).
14 Rather where some courses lead (2,1,6).
16 The smell of chaff in the country (9).
19 Scholars in the dock (5).
21 Metric? Just the opposite (7).
23 An outburst concealing one's pain (7).
24 No. 50 been mislaid? Make a count, perhaps (7).
25 Passed over hammer with a straight face (4-3).
26 Will changed a good book (3,9).

DOWN

1 Will the merry man allow second vehicle to move over? (7).
2 Rope in some degree covered in grease (7).
3 Make them atone for being outdated (4-5).
4 Make a careless mistake about "The Scholar-Gipsy" (5).
5 See moon change a personality (7).
6 Abolish pearls in the centre of a ring (7).
7 Self-important bureaucrat to resign (4-2-6).
10 Count thus to five, as the pros say (2,3,3,4).
15 How to unwind and relax a queen (9).
17 A ball gets round Dover's centre forward (7).
18 Up-river, a river often described as Welsh (7).
19 Worthless woman appears in several cases (7).
20 Fixes up the favourite in a scrap (7).
22 Odds? Yes and no (5).

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